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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from Australia for science and reason

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hello and welcome to the skeptics urn

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episode number 93 for the 30th of July

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2010 Richardson is here with you from my

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00:00:34,760 --> 00:00:32,790

little studio in Sydney Australia on

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this week's show we have an interview

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from Tam 8 none other than Tim Farley

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00:00:42,920 --> 00:00:41,220

from what's the harm net what's the harm

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00:00:45,979 --> 00:00:42,930

you might say what's the harm

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00:00:49,280 --> 00:00:45,989

find out soon with our interview that's

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00:00:51,920 --> 00:00:49,290

followed by dr. Rachel and myself on our

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00:00:55,010 --> 00:00:51,930

regular spot on radio 2 GB in Sydney and

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00:00:57,860 --> 00:00:55,020

MTR in Melbourne where we speak to our

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00:00:59,690 --> 00:00:57,870

good friend Glen wheeler this time we

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had a phone call from someone interested

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in magnetic therapy and reflex ecology

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00:01:08,359 --> 00:01:06,479

and that's followed by dr. Reggie report

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00:01:10,370 --> 00:01:08,369

where she looks at some of the more

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00:01:11,359 --> 00:01:10,380

wacky and zany goings-on with those

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00:01:14,270 --> 00:01:11,369

crazy Bunch

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at the Australian anti vaccination

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Network that's wish it was wacky and I

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wish it was alien I wish it was crazy

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it's rather more serious than that

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but Rachel we'll have a good roundup for

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00:01:30,890 --> 00:01:29,430

us now don't forget all you students out

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00:01:33,170 --> 00:01:30,900

there who have registered for the

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00:01:36,590 --> 00:01:33,180

amazing meeting Australia in November

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00:01:38,899 --> 00:01:36,600

you have until the end of August to

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00:01:41,179 --> 00:01:38,909

write to the Australian skeptics and put

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00:01:46,399 --> 00:01:41,189

your case for one of our special rebate

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00:01:50,600 --> 00:01:46,409

offers more information at WWF to calm a

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00:01:52,940 --> 00:01:50,610

you we have up to 10 rebates so students

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00:01:55,580 --> 00:01:52,950

who have registered why not check it out

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00:01:57,710 --> 00:01:55,590

also if you're going to be a Dragon Con

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00:02:00,649 --> 00:01:57,720

in Atlanta this year you can meet myself

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dr. Rey Chi and our good friend reporter

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Kylie Sturgis we're all going to be

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00:02:07,580 --> 00:02:05,340

there working very hard doing a live

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00:02:09,620 --> 00:02:07,590

skeptic zone and other talks you know

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00:02:11,810 --> 00:02:09,630

it's not cheap getting to America folks

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00:02:16,009 --> 00:02:11,820

I've got to level with you if you want

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00:02:17,660 --> 00:02:16,019

to help us so you feel a certain love in

46

00:02:20,000 --> 00:02:17,670

your heart for what we do you can always

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00:02:22,190 --> 00:02:20,010

subscribe to the skeptic zone for only

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00:02:24,680 --> 00:02:22,200

\$1 a week or if you're feeling very

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00:02:27,259 --> 00:02:24,690

generous donate it all helps us a great

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00:02:28,879 --> 00:02:27,269

deal keep the show on the air and helps

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00:02:31,610 --> 00:02:28,889
us do things like travel all the way to

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00:02:33,210 --> 00:02:31,620
Atlanta from Sydney and Perth in Kylie's

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00:02:36,330 --> 00:02:33,220
case the drag

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00:02:39,750 --> 00:02:36,340
so well I think that's all I have to say

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00:02:42,030 --> 00:02:39,760
for the moment sit down grab that lovely

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00:02:43,620 --> 00:02:42,040
gin and tonic or a vodka martini I

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00:02:46,160 --> 00:02:43,630
hadn't quad come at Heaney at the

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00:02:48,590 --> 00:02:46,170
amazing meeting it was a special little

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00:02:50,850 --> 00:02:48,600
get-together for some of the speakers oh

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00:02:56,880 --> 00:02:50,860
all that was nice

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00:02:59,310 --> 00:02:56,890
oh yeah hmm might have one now hmm I'll

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00:03:15,440 --> 00:02:59,320
do that and you enjoy the skeptics

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00:03:18,570 --> 00:03:15,450

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I'm dr. Ricci and this week I bring you

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another interview from our recent trip

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to Tam 8 in Las Vegas this week I

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featured Tim Farley who runs the website

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called BOTS the harm net where Tim

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collects stories of how alternative

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medicines and studio scientific beliefs

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can actually harm people over the last

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two and a bit years

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Tim's website has become an essential

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source of information for skeptics and

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media alike reporting on the dangers of

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pseudo-scientific beliefs which now also

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features a section on how believing the

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00:03:56,520 --> 00:03:53,830
moon landings never happened can harm

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00:03:59,190 --> 00:03:56,530
you and if you follow your GPS without

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00:04:01,770 --> 00:03:59,200
looking at the road you can also come to

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00:04:04,110 --> 00:04:01,780
harm I'm sure many listeners would have

82
00:04:06,240 --> 00:04:04,120
come across people saying well what's

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00:04:07,590 --> 00:04:06,250
the harm in homeopathy what's the harm

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00:04:09,510 --> 00:04:07,600
in believing in ghosts

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00:04:11,230 --> 00:04:09,520
well here's Tim Farley to tell us

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00:04:18,100 --> 00:04:11,240
exactly what is the harm

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00:04:22,400 --> 00:04:19,640
now Here I am

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00:04:24,260 --> 00:04:22,410

in the green room at Tam 8 at the South

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Pointe casino in Las Vegas and I'm with

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Tim Farley hi Tim hi from what's the

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harm at that's right is that your

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surname now that people say Tim Farley

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what's the harm that yeah well people

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00:04:36,980 --> 00:04:35,250

always come up to me and try to make

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00:04:38,960 --> 00:04:36,990

some sort of a joke about it you know

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let's go to lunch what's the harm

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oh really it's it's getting a little

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00:04:45,530 --> 00:04:43,100

little

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00:04:47,420 --> 00:04:45,540

people say I should have another beer

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00:04:50,060 --> 00:04:47,430

what's the harm in that right exactly

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00:04:51,920 --> 00:04:50,070
yeah all that kind of stuff uh you know

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00:04:53,870 --> 00:04:51,930
I'm just happy people actually noticed

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00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:53,880
the sight so well you had a birthday

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00:04:56,630 --> 00:04:55,440
recently didn't you I know it was a

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00:04:58,790 --> 00:04:56,640
little while ago but wasn't it the

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00:05:01,730 --> 00:04:58,800
second birthday of yeah yeah in February

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00:05:03,080 --> 00:05:01,740
was the second anniversary yeah yeah so

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00:05:05,420 --> 00:05:03,090
it's about two and a half years old now

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00:05:07,970 --> 00:05:05,430
so tell us a little bit about the

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00:05:09,290 --> 00:05:07,980
history of the website so first of all

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00:05:11,120 --> 00:05:09,300
just can you explain to our listeners

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00:05:13,760 --> 00:05:11,130
for those who don't know what is what's

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00:05:16,040 --> 00:05:13,770

the harm dot there yeah it's a it's a

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collection of stories it's collection of

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anecdotes basically about people who

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have been hurt by belief in

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pseudoscience paranormal all the sorts

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of things that skeptics focus on and I

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noticed that there was a trend where

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people had typically if you write an

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article like somebody writes a feature

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story about acupuncture they would want

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to tell a story so they would find

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somebody that was either hurt or helped

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by acupuncture depending on what the

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their story is and they would tell that

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person's story but each article would

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have one person's story and the next

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article would have another person story

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and I thought well it would be really

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00:05:52,670 --> 00:05:51,300

great if somebody would collect all

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these things in one place and then you

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could see you know and it's not

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scientific and it's and they are just

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00:05:59,659 --> 00:05:57,960

anecdotes but it kind of gives you an

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idea that these aren't just one-off

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stories they aren't just the one story

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that you read in the magazine that there

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literally are hundreds of stories where

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people have gotten hurt by homeopathy or

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belief in the paranormal or acupuncture

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or whatever it is so that once I had

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that idea it was pretty straightforward

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just to build you know do some basically

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00:06:21,529 --> 00:06:19,290

it's just googling looking in old

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00:06:23,439 --> 00:06:21,539

newspapers and things like that to find

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00:06:25,869 --> 00:06:23,449

the stories and document them

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00:06:27,279 --> 00:06:25,879

and collect it up on the site mmm so

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you've got quite a lot of categories you

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00:06:30,189 --> 00:06:28,819

mentioned homeopathy you mentioned

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paranormal what are some other

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categories that you've got on the side

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00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:34,330

uh yeah I've got a whole ton of altmed

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stuff anything that I can find direct

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00:06:42,159 --> 00:06:40,490

harm for my criteria on the site is that

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I have to find somebody who's been

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demonstrably harmed and you in some way

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admits it you know i-i've tried to avoid

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those types of stories where oh look

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00:06:55,959 --> 00:06:53,389

this person has spent hundreds of

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thousands of dollars on homeopathy and

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they don't realize they've wasted this

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much money it's like well you know I

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00:07:04,209 --> 00:07:01,909

spent a lot of money on DVDs in my life

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00:07:06,550 --> 00:07:04,219

and some people would probably call that

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a waste of money too but I'm happy with

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it so I look for people that have really

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been hurt and would admit to have being

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having been hurt and then the stories

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have to be documented they have to there

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has to be a newspaper article or a paper

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or something that I can link to so that

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it's not just somebody sending me an

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email that they're real stories that we

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can point to in the paper so you

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mentioned paranormal right give us some

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00:07:32,739 --> 00:07:30,349
of the examples of people being hurt by

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00:07:35,920 --> 00:07:32,749
paranormal yeah I've got like a belief

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00:07:37,659 --> 00:07:35,930
in ghosts page there's a couple couple

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00:07:40,360 --> 00:07:37,669
different variations on that one is

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people trying to basically emulate the

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ghost hunters that they see on TV and

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they go out and go into abandoned

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00:07:47,739 --> 00:07:46,430
buildings and either get themselves hurt

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00:07:49,420 --> 00:07:47,749
because the buildings haven't been

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00:07:52,239 --> 00:07:49,430
maintained or get arrested for

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00:07:54,760 --> 00:07:52,249
trespassing yeah there was a girl and I

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think Ohio who got shot by a guy who

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thought he was Treach she was

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trespassing on his property

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sawed dead yeah I know she was severely

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injured when a long time in the hospital

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and had to have surgeries and things

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like that because she thought it was a

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haunted house that nobody lived in and

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she wanted to explore it and it was

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someone lived there and it was tired of

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people coming on his property Wow

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a lot of crazy stuff and there's a

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famous story in upstate New York about a

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woman who was trying to sell her house

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and it turned out that she'd had kind of

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not really promoted it but she had

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publicized the fact that her she thought

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00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:31,729
her house was haunted

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and I don't know if she had tours or

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00:08:35,430 --> 00:08:35,000
what it was but she made it known that

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00:08:37,050 --> 00:08:35,440
her

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house was haunted and then she was

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00:08:40,140 --> 00:08:38,590
trying to sell it and she didn't

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00:08:42,029 --> 00:08:40,150
disclose this fact to the guy who was

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00:08:44,340 --> 00:08:42,039
trying to buy the house and the guy

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found out and it turned out his wife was

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superstitious and didn't want to buy

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didn't want to live in a haunted house

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and so he tried to get out of the

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contract and there was actually a whole

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lawsuit and a major court ruling about

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whether or not you have to disclose to

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the buyer under US real estate law that

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your house is haunted and do you have to

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it seemed to hinge on the fact that she

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had actually publicized it the ruling

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because she had publicized it that made

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it something that she had to disclose

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but if she just thought it was if as I

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read the ruling now I'm not a lawyer so

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I may be misinterpreting it but it's

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it's a it's a well-known court ruling in

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US law there been a couple of other

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cases like that where people were

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frightened about stuff there was a

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another case with UFO belief where

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people went out to it was kind of a sad

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case because the people were obviously a

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little bit crazy and they went out and

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thought they were gonna meet the UFO out

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in a wilderness area in like the

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northern United States in the dead of

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winter and they were sitting in this car

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convinced that this UFO was going to

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come down and one of them ended up

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basically freezing to death what yeah

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absolutely

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how long did they sit in the car do you

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know like hours and hours like like half

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a day something like that go yeah

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but surely at that at some point before

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you face the death you would go maybe I

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should go yeah that's why I say it's

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pretty clear that there was probably

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some mental illness involved in that

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case which is always always makes it a

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lot Saturn hmm

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well homeopathy is a big sort of topical

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issue at the moment especially because

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of what's happening in the UK you know

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with the National Health Service

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recommending that there's no more

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government funding for that how many

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what's the harms have you got for

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homeopathy I think I've got like 400 and

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something 437 or something like that

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case is a lot of them from Australia and

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from the UK yeah where people have been

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advised to do something by their

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homeopathy that was was not a good idea

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ended up dying of something that could

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have been could have been easily cured

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so how much work do you have to do

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00:10:49,860 --> 00:10:48,370

yourself now these days Tim because I

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00:10:51,660 --> 00:10:49,870

imagine you get flooded with emails

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00:10:53,490 --> 00:10:51,670

don't you when something happens yeah

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00:10:55,590 --> 00:10:53,500

when there's a famous case like the

276

00:10:57,570 --> 00:10:55,600

current case with penny Dingle in

277

00:11:00,510 --> 00:10:57,580

Australia yeah has gotten a lot of

278

00:11:04,170 --> 00:11:00,520

coverage so I like to me emails a week

279

00:11:05,970 --> 00:11:04,180

about that one and but other ones you

280

00:11:07,920 --> 00:11:05,980

know don't necessarily get us much

281

00:11:09,300 --> 00:11:07,930

coverage so maybe I'll get one email on

282

00:11:11,250 --> 00:11:09,310

it but yeah it's gotten where the site

283

00:11:13,440 --> 00:11:11,260

is well-known enough that people see

284

00:11:14,910 --> 00:11:13,450

cases and send them to me yeah so that's

285

00:11:17,130 --> 00:11:14,920

good it saves me a lot of trouble

286

00:11:19,440 --> 00:11:17,140

sometimes and I get some fairly weird

287

00:11:20,760 --> 00:11:19,450

ones from other countries like every

288

00:11:22,470 --> 00:11:20,770

once in a while I'll get one that's not

289

00:11:24,660 --> 00:11:22,480

available in the English language press

290

00:11:27,480 --> 00:11:24,670

at all I've got one sitting ready to go

291

00:11:28,860 --> 00:11:27,490

up on the site now that's from Sweden or

292

00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:28,870

somewhere and there's no way I would

293

00:11:31,950 --> 00:11:30,160

have found it on my own because I don't

294

00:11:34,470 --> 00:11:31,960

read that language but so on in Sweden

295

00:11:37,890 --> 00:11:34,480

who does speak English emailed me the

296

00:11:39,540 --> 00:11:37,900

links to the stories and so now I have

297

00:11:45,240 --> 00:11:39,550

the case do you know what what's that

298

00:11:47,310 --> 00:11:45,250

one about from the site the Google

299

00:11:49,860 --> 00:11:47,320

Translate had the good had the info

300

00:11:51,150 --> 00:11:49,870

correct for it you know I don't you put

301
00:11:53,190 --> 00:11:51,160
me on the spot I don't remember the

302
00:11:55,050 --> 00:11:53,200
exact details yeah but there was another

303
00:11:56,310 --> 00:11:55,060
one that I got from Slovenia was the

304
00:11:58,110 --> 00:11:56,320
same sort of thing where someone in

305
00:12:00,030 --> 00:11:58,120
Slovenia sent it to me and it was

306
00:12:02,040 --> 00:12:00,040
actually the very first time that a

307
00:12:05,010 --> 00:12:02,050
medical doctor had been struck off in

308
00:12:08,220 --> 00:12:05,020
Slovenia under there aren't rules it was

309
00:12:09,810 --> 00:12:08,230
an MD who also practiced homeopathy and

310
00:12:11,880 --> 00:12:09,820
she did the classic thing where she

311
00:12:15,000 --> 00:12:11,890
recommended a guy who was going to

312
00:12:17,340 --> 00:12:15,010
travel to Africa use homeopathic malaria

313
00:12:18,750 --> 00:12:17,350

medicine which was a big deal in England

314

00:12:20,550 --> 00:12:18,760

a couple years ago when they found out

315

00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:20,560

homey paths were advising that this

316

00:12:24,570 --> 00:12:22,720

[h__h] thing was behind that right then

317

00:12:27,660 --> 00:12:24,580

he was just down there name-dropping and

318

00:12:30,510 --> 00:12:27,670

this was a similar case in Slovenia and

319

00:12:32,460 --> 00:12:30,520

the guy of course caught malaria then he

320

00:12:35,910 --> 00:12:32,470

came back and she tried to tweet treat

321

00:12:38,190 --> 00:12:35,920

him with homeopathy after the fact after

322

00:12:38,640 --> 00:12:38,200

he already had malaria and he ended up

323

00:12:41,610 --> 00:12:38,650

dead

324

00:12:43,500 --> 00:12:41,620

inside yeah she in fact it was even a

325

00:12:45,300 --> 00:12:43,510

point where at one point the ambulance

326

00:12:47,100 --> 00:12:45,310

had been called to come pick him up and

327

00:12:49,470 --> 00:12:47,110

she called the ambulance and told them

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00:12:51,420 --> 00:12:49,480

to go back right so it was just such a

329

00:12:54,490 --> 00:12:51,430

clear-cut case where she was completely

330

00:12:57,370 --> 00:12:54,500

misguided and yet she was an MD

331

00:12:59,110 --> 00:12:57,380

and she got completely struck off but

332

00:13:00,910 --> 00:12:59,120

yeah there's no way I would have found

333

00:13:02,530 --> 00:13:00,920

that case on my own because it doesn't

334

00:13:04,560 --> 00:13:02,540

appear in the English language press at

335

00:13:06,820 --> 00:13:04,570

all just in the Slovenian press so

336

00:13:09,100 --> 00:13:06,830

fortunately someone in Slovenia noticed

337

00:13:10,750 --> 00:13:09,110

the story and sent me the right links so

338

00:13:12,430 --> 00:13:10,760

are there any particular stories that

339

00:13:13,840 --> 00:13:12,440

stand out to you out of all the ones

340

00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:13,850

you've got that you would think they're

341

00:13:20,200 --> 00:13:17,120

the most crazy or a bizarre or absurd

342

00:13:21,880 --> 00:13:20,210

ways of dying from the UFO one is

343

00:13:23,980 --> 00:13:21,890

probably one of the weirdest ones the

344

00:13:26,230 --> 00:13:23,990

one that always comes up when people ask

345

00:13:28,090 --> 00:13:26,240

me that question is my function why

346

00:13:29,980 --> 00:13:28,100

story from Malaysia have you heard that

347

00:13:32,410 --> 00:13:29,990

one I think the sigh yeah there were two

348

00:13:33,970 --> 00:13:32,420

families in Malaysia that both believed

349

00:13:36,630 --> 00:13:33,980

in Fung Shui and they weren't really

350

00:13:39,880 --> 00:13:36,640

fond of each other and they look across

351
00:13:41,800 --> 00:13:39,890
yeah you can see where this is going and

352
00:13:44,290 --> 00:13:41,810
there's something in function a function

353
00:13:46,120 --> 00:13:44,300
way is the Asian belief that you know

354
00:13:47,590 --> 00:13:46,130
organizing your environment arranging

355
00:13:50,620 --> 00:13:47,600
your furniture painting your house a

356
00:13:52,840 --> 00:13:50,630
different colour etc etc can help you

357
00:13:56,020 --> 00:13:52,850
balance the the chi or whatever in your

358
00:13:57,970 --> 00:13:56,030
life and one of the things that some

359
00:13:59,050 --> 00:13:57,980
believers in it do is they put a mirror

360
00:14:00,970 --> 00:13:59,060
on the outside of their house is

361
00:14:02,800 --> 00:14:00,980
supposed to reflect bad luck away from

362
00:14:04,240 --> 00:14:02,810
their house well one of these families

363
00:14:05,890 --> 00:14:04,250

put the mirror on the outside of their

364

00:14:08,140 --> 00:14:05,900

house except it was pointed at the other

365

00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:08,150

house right so it was reflecting bad

366

00:14:12,730 --> 00:14:10,880

luck in the other people put their

367

00:14:14,530 --> 00:14:12,740

mirror up so the two mirrors were

368

00:14:17,740 --> 00:14:14,540

reflecting bad luck at each other and

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00:14:19,690 --> 00:14:17,750

that plus the animosity between the two

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00:14:21,760 --> 00:14:19,700

families escalated it literally became a

371

00:14:25,600 --> 00:14:21,770

brawl in the street but two more two

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00:14:28,480 --> 00:14:25,610

houses and a guy got stabbed to death in

373

00:14:30,880 --> 00:14:28,490

that bra 26 year old guard guy remember

374

00:14:32,740 --> 00:14:30,890

one of the families Wow ridiculous and

375

00:14:34,060 --> 00:14:32,750

of course sometimes I got complaints

376

00:14:35,770 --> 00:14:34,070

because people say well you know those

377

00:14:37,210 --> 00:14:35,780

two families didn't like each other and

378

00:14:39,400 --> 00:14:37,220

obviously one of them was willing to use

379

00:14:41,350 --> 00:14:39,410

a knife and someone who's willing to use

380

00:14:45,040 --> 00:14:41,360

violence might have done it anyway and I

381

00:14:47,050 --> 00:14:45,050

said yes but the situation got to where

382

00:14:49,180 --> 00:14:47,060

it was because of the belief in Fung

383

00:14:50,560 --> 00:14:49,190

Shui no that's one of the principles of

384

00:14:54,820 --> 00:14:50,570

the site is that you know there has to

385

00:14:57,010 --> 00:14:54,830

it the the belief isn't always the the

386

00:14:59,380 --> 00:14:57,020

full cause yeah you know like you could

387

00:15:01,180 --> 00:14:59,390

say if someone uses homeopathy to treat

388

00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:01,190

their cancer and they die of cancer you

389

00:15:04,900 --> 00:15:02,720

say well homeopathy didn't kill them

390

00:15:06,530 --> 00:15:04,910

cancer has to kill them Yeah right but

391

00:15:08,120 --> 00:15:06,540

of course you know they

392

00:15:10,370 --> 00:15:08,130

could have been cured potentially

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00:15:12,980 --> 00:15:10,380

depending on what the cancer was and how

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00:15:15,590 --> 00:15:12,990

far along they were with other medicine

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00:15:18,020 --> 00:15:15,600

so so I used that kind of in in law I

396

00:15:19,580 --> 00:15:18,030

think it's called proximate cause where

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00:15:21,170 --> 00:15:19,590

if something makes something a little

398

00:15:23,570 --> 00:15:21,180

bit more likely it's considered a cause

399

00:15:25,370 --> 00:15:23,580

of the crime or whatever it is so so

400

00:15:27,680 --> 00:15:25,380

that's that's kind of the standard that

401
00:15:29,420 --> 00:15:27,690
I use I don't know if I'm adhering to it

402
00:15:31,760 --> 00:15:29,430
at the way a court would but at least

403
00:15:34,730 --> 00:15:31,770
it's the rule of thumb that I use so do

404
00:15:36,680 --> 00:15:34,740
you get angry emails from people about I

405
00:15:38,180 --> 00:15:36,690
do sometimes what are the what other

406
00:15:40,130 --> 00:15:38,190
stuff do they complain about about

407
00:15:42,890 --> 00:15:40,140
what's them the most common one I get

408
00:15:45,860 --> 00:15:42,900
now is the the standard alternative

409
00:15:49,040 --> 00:15:45,870
medicine canard about well conventional

410
00:15:50,960 --> 00:15:49,050
medicine kills 40,000 people our study

411
00:15:54,230 --> 00:15:50,970
by UPS killed these many people yeah

412
00:15:56,570 --> 00:15:54,240
right so you get all those and I and I

413
00:15:58,790 --> 00:15:56,580

always have to reply with the standard

414

00:16:01,810 --> 00:15:58,800

answer which is risk versus benefit

415

00:16:04,640 --> 00:16:01,820

right there's an obvious demonstrable

416

00:16:06,320 --> 00:16:04,650

scientifically demonstrated benefit to

417

00:16:09,320 --> 00:16:06,330

conventional medicine if I break my leg

418

00:16:14,000 --> 00:16:09,330

I can go to a hospital and they can fix

419

00:16:15,740 --> 00:16:14,010

it you know with a 99.9999% probability

420

00:16:18,860 --> 00:16:15,750

that I'll be fine after a few months

421

00:16:20,600 --> 00:16:18,870

yeah you know alternative medicine

422

00:16:23,570 --> 00:16:20,610

doesn't have any of that right and you

423

00:16:26,480 --> 00:16:23,580

know there's no demonstrable benefit so

424

00:16:29,360 --> 00:16:26,490

why take the risk so how has the site

425

00:16:31,460 --> 00:16:29,370

grown in the in the tuna bees Tim it's

426

00:16:33,530 --> 00:16:31,470

grown a lot I've added I think I started

427

00:16:35,330 --> 00:16:33,540

with probably I don't know 30 or 40

428

00:16:38,180 --> 00:16:35,340

categories and there's I think 78

429

00:16:40,490 --> 00:16:38,190

categories now 78 yeah Wow

430

00:16:42,140 --> 00:16:40,500

some of them are admittedly weaker than

431

00:16:44,270 --> 00:16:42,150

others I have a couple that are on there

432

00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:44,280

kind of for comedic value like I have a

433

00:16:49,640 --> 00:16:48,000

moon hoax believers category mostly so

434

00:16:59,360 --> 00:16:49,650

that I can link to that famous video

435

00:17:01,700 --> 00:16:59,370

where Buzz Aldrin punches the guy yeah

436

00:17:03,500 --> 00:17:01,710

you know just on that but I'm glad you

437

00:17:05,360 --> 00:17:03,510

brought that up perfect we are at 10

438

00:17:07,790 --> 00:17:05,370

that's right I gave a great talk today

439

00:17:09,410 --> 00:17:07,800

but there is a moon hoax Yeah right he

440

00:17:11,030 --> 00:17:09,420

was just out in the hallway just before

441

00:17:13,520 --> 00:17:11,040

we came in here yeah yeah and he's been

442

00:17:15,140 --> 00:17:13,530

harassing film all day so maybe if he

443

00:17:16,699 --> 00:17:15,150

keeps pushing it a bit further he'll get

444

00:17:18,649 --> 00:17:16,709

smacked out too yeah

445

00:17:20,240 --> 00:17:18,659

to the side I think Phil said something

446

00:17:21,710 --> 00:17:20,250

about that on Twitter today that people

447

00:17:25,970 --> 00:17:21,720

were telling him that he should pull a

448

00:17:27,590 --> 00:17:25,980

buzz on me but yeah it was interesting

449

00:17:29,539 --> 00:17:27,600

to see someone who was actually a

450

00:17:30,769 --> 00:17:29,549

believer showing up at a mime I'm not

451
00:17:32,419 --> 00:17:30,779
aware of an instance where that's

452
00:17:33,710 --> 00:17:32,429
happened before yeah unless they're

453
00:17:35,570 --> 00:17:33,720
going for the million dollar challenge I

454
00:17:37,669 --> 00:17:35,580
suppose well yeah yeah that's the one

455
00:17:39,649 --> 00:17:37,679
exception we do get that sometimes at

456
00:17:41,899 --> 00:17:39,659
DragonCon because that obviously that

457
00:17:43,909 --> 00:17:41,909
convention is a little bit wider focus

458
00:17:45,740 --> 00:17:43,919
it's not just a skeptic convention so

459
00:17:47,600 --> 00:17:45,750
we've had many instances at DragonCon

460
00:17:49,940 --> 00:17:47,610
where we have the skeptic programming

461
00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:49,950
and some ghost believer will come in and

462
00:17:54,529 --> 00:17:52,559
last year we had yeah where the guy who

463
00:17:57,200 --> 00:17:54,539

started yelling at Joe Nickell yeah it

464

00:17:58,430 --> 00:17:57,210

was Tom yeah yeah yeah so is there

465

00:18:00,680 --> 00:17:58,440

another comedic one you were gonna

466

00:18:02,659 --> 00:18:00,690

mention or no the other one is GPS I

467

00:18:05,570 --> 00:18:02,669

have a whole bunch of story people

468

00:18:07,519 --> 00:18:05,580

trusting what the GPS says right laughs

469

00:18:10,010 --> 00:18:07,529

20 it says turn left now and they turn

470

00:18:12,080 --> 00:18:10,020

left and end up in the creek and so

471

00:18:13,669 --> 00:18:12,090

nobody gets killed on that because you

472

00:18:15,260 --> 00:18:13,679

know the site admittedly you know

473

00:18:17,840 --> 00:18:15,270

especially on certain pages on my site

474

00:18:19,850 --> 00:18:17,850

it's just an endless series of dead

475

00:18:22,250 --> 00:18:19,860

children you know and dead people right

476

00:18:24,200 --> 00:18:22,260

that didn't need to die so I think kind

477

00:18:25,399 --> 00:18:24,210

of like the faith healing page or

478

00:18:27,380 --> 00:18:25,409

something like that so I kind of felt

479

00:18:29,210 --> 00:18:27,390

like it needed a little comedic bang but

480

00:18:30,590 --> 00:18:29,220

people sometimes email me about the GPS

481

00:18:32,149 --> 00:18:30,600

page and they say well those people

482

00:18:34,480 --> 00:18:32,159

shouldn't be paying attention you know

483

00:18:38,779 --> 00:18:34,490

that's just stupidity that's not

484

00:18:40,340 --> 00:18:38,789

pseudoscience I say yeah well okay so I

485

00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:40,350

assume you've got the woman there that's

486

00:18:46,880 --> 00:18:42,720

doing at the moment Google because she

487

00:18:49,580 --> 00:18:46,890

followed good okay and her I also I have

488

00:18:51,919 --> 00:18:49,590

a kind of a closely related page that's

489

00:18:53,810 --> 00:18:51,929

called Internet misinformation oh yeah

490

00:18:55,549 --> 00:18:53,820

basically relying on something that you

491

00:18:59,299 --> 00:18:55,559

you put on the internet and I think she

492

00:19:01,190 --> 00:18:59,309

would probably qualify to be located and

493

00:19:03,409 --> 00:19:01,200

the Internet I did some of the cases

494

00:19:04,940 --> 00:19:03,419

are marked that way where you'll see

495

00:19:06,799 --> 00:19:04,950

them in multiple categories right

496

00:19:09,260 --> 00:19:06,809

because as you know believers in this

497

00:19:11,360 --> 00:19:09,270

stuff will often go you know once they

498

00:19:13,310 --> 00:19:11,370

believe in one thing they'll go to six

499

00:19:15,769 --> 00:19:13,320

other things you get somebody who's

500

00:19:16,190 --> 00:19:15,779

using homeopathy who also consulted a

501

00:19:18,889 --> 00:19:16,200

psychic

502

00:19:20,299 --> 00:19:18,899

yeah or something like that and then to

503

00:19:21,680 --> 00:19:20,309

get to the psychics house they went to

504

00:19:23,529 --> 00:19:21,690

Google Maps and they got run over on the

505

00:19:25,629 --> 00:19:23,539

way

506

00:19:27,279 --> 00:19:25,639

yeah you know what you should have it

507

00:19:29,979 --> 00:19:27,289

you should have an annual pride so like

508

00:19:32,019 --> 00:19:29,989

the biggest the biggest doozy of the

509

00:19:33,070 --> 00:19:32,029

year or something yeah that's one of the

510

00:19:35,619 --> 00:19:33,080

things I've been thinking about doing

511

00:19:37,599 --> 00:19:35,629

the site's overdue for as we record this

512

00:19:38,830 --> 00:19:37,609

the site's overdue for an update and one

513

00:19:41,769 --> 00:19:38,840

of the things I'm thinking about doing

514

00:19:43,359 --> 00:19:41,779

is kind of adding more types of content

515

00:19:45,369 --> 00:19:43,369

because though right now the site is all

516

00:19:47,799 --> 00:19:45,379

just very simple write-ups of the cases

517

00:19:50,169 --> 00:19:47,809

and mostly links to news stories but I

518

00:19:52,450 --> 00:19:50,179

don't get into any real details just a

519

00:19:54,310 --> 00:19:52,460

very short matter-of-fact which is good

520

00:19:56,739 --> 00:19:54,320

it keeps it simple and there's no

521

00:19:58,899 --> 00:19:56,749

emotion to it or you know not a lot of

522

00:20:01,330 --> 00:19:58,909

emotion - it's just the facts but I'd

523

00:20:02,710 --> 00:20:01,340

like to do more where you know more

524

00:20:06,119 --> 00:20:02,720

substantial post because some of the

525

00:20:09,460 --> 00:20:06,129

stories are quite involved like the the

526

00:20:11,139 --> 00:20:09,470

Gloria Sam story from Australia from a

527

00:20:14,680 --> 00:20:11,149

couple years ago this is just a whole

528

00:20:16,210 --> 00:20:14,690

long story to that that deserves to be

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00:20:18,219 --> 00:20:16,220

told including the fact that her mother

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00:20:20,169 --> 00:20:18,229

saw what conventional medicine right

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00:20:22,330 --> 00:20:20,179

yeah right when they were in India when

532

00:20:26,139 --> 00:20:22,340

her daughter was suffering from eczema

533

00:20:27,369 --> 00:20:26,149

yeah yeah yep yeah yeah so that that's

534

00:20:28,269 --> 00:20:27,379

so that is that something you're

535

00:20:30,159 --> 00:20:28,279

planning on doing

536

00:20:33,460 --> 00:20:30,169

maybe he's expanding on the stories yeah

537

00:20:36,249 --> 00:20:33,470

yeah expand maybe pull certain stories

538

00:20:38,049 --> 00:20:36,259

out and do more more detailed posts on

539

00:20:39,849 --> 00:20:38,059

us because some of the stories you don't

540

00:20:41,619 --> 00:20:39,859

have a lot of details to work with so

541

00:20:43,889 --> 00:20:41,629

some of them wouldn't support it but

542

00:20:46,239 --> 00:20:43,899

some of them like that the Sam story

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00:20:48,759 --> 00:20:46,249

certainly would there's lots and lots of

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00:20:50,710 --> 00:20:48,769

documentation about what well also on

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00:20:52,359 --> 00:20:50,720

just on that the Penelope Dingle story

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00:20:55,269 --> 00:20:52,369

you know and that's still ongoing and I

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00:20:56,649 --> 00:20:55,279

mean I don't know if you know about this

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00:21:00,070 --> 00:20:56,659

but did you know that I've been

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00:21:01,779 --> 00:21:00,080

following it a little bit yeah yeah but

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00:21:04,539 --> 00:21:01,789

did you know that he wrote a blog post

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00:21:07,659 --> 00:21:04,549
about it or recently for the inquest was

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00:21:10,060 --> 00:21:07,669
finished which has subsequently been

553
00:21:11,919 --> 00:21:10,070
pulled because I think his lawyers got

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00:21:14,049 --> 00:21:11,929
into his ear and said hum contempt a

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00:21:16,330 --> 00:21:14,059
court right but he wrote a very long

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00:21:18,690 --> 00:21:16,340
blog post which I think a few people

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00:21:20,950 --> 00:21:18,700
have saved right screen captured rather

558
00:21:22,539 --> 00:21:20,960
where he was trying to exonerate himself

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00:21:24,519 --> 00:21:22,549
and saying I had nothing to do with it

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00:21:26,259 --> 00:21:24,529
it was the homeopath fault Wow

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00:21:27,729 --> 00:21:26,269
so we'll keep you posted about that if

562
00:21:29,950 --> 00:21:27,739
you're interested yeah absolutely I'm

563
00:21:30,999 --> 00:21:29,960

always interested in updates that's one

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00:21:34,119 --> 00:21:31,009

of the things that's kind of frustrating

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00:21:36,009 --> 00:21:34,129

with some of these cases is you'll find

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00:21:37,180 --> 00:21:36,019

the original story and a court

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00:21:38,830 --> 00:21:37,190

proceeding will start

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00:21:40,660 --> 00:21:38,840

and then sometimes it's hard because the

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00:21:42,370 --> 00:21:40,670

press is really bad at following up on

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00:21:43,960 --> 00:21:42,380

things things will get settled at a

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00:21:45,760 --> 00:21:43,970

court or whatever and the press doesn't

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00:21:47,110 --> 00:21:45,770

consider it a story at that point yeah

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00:21:48,970 --> 00:21:47,120

so you never really find you know I

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00:21:50,530 --> 00:21:48,980

don't have a lot of resources to go

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00:21:51,340 --> 00:21:50,540

digging through court records and things

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00:21:52,990 --> 00:21:51,350

like that

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00:21:54,700 --> 00:21:53,000

to chase each one of these stories down

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00:21:57,070 --> 00:21:54,710

so I have to kind of rely on what I can

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00:21:58,690 --> 00:21:57,080

find in the press and sometimes it's

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00:22:01,210 --> 00:21:58,700

quite frustrating because I know someone

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00:22:03,610 --> 00:22:01,220

got sued but I know I don't know what

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00:22:04,900 --> 00:22:03,620

the eventual resolution was yeah well

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00:22:07,150 --> 00:22:04,910

that's where the listeners can help out

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00:22:09,910 --> 00:22:07,160

- yeah yeah I can email you stuff yeah

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00:22:14,020 --> 00:22:09,920

yeah yeah well give the website address

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00:22:15,340 --> 00:22:14,030

again it's what's the harm net and you

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00:22:17,530 --> 00:22:15,350

know it's just very straightforward

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00:22:21,040 --> 00:22:17,540

simple website and it's kind of

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00:22:23,080 --> 00:22:21,050

categories on the front page I also do

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00:22:25,110 --> 00:22:23,090

some stuff where I do one of my other

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00:22:27,970 --> 00:22:25,120

projects is doing a skeptic history

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00:22:29,830 --> 00:22:27,980

that's right on Twitter yeah I do it on

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00:22:31,900 --> 00:22:29,840

Twitter and some of the other services

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00:22:33,870 --> 00:22:31,910

like Facebook and French feed I have it

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00:22:36,610 --> 00:22:33,880

all echoed in but basically every day

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00:22:38,020 --> 00:22:36,620

early in the morning us time it's

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00:22:42,430 --> 00:22:38,030

probably in the middle of the day your

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00:22:44,020 --> 00:22:42,440

time I post a historical item so that

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00:22:45,730 --> 00:22:44,030

relates to skepticism somebody's

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00:22:47,290 --> 00:22:45,740

birthday or some famous event like

601
00:22:50,110 --> 00:22:47,300
yesterday as we're recording this

602
00:22:52,330 --> 00:22:50,120
yesterday was July 8th and that was the

603
00:22:54,750 --> 00:22:52,340
anniversary of the famous raid when the

604
00:22:58,090 --> 00:22:54,760
FBI in the United States raided

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00:22:59,890 --> 00:22:58,100
Scientology because Scientologists were

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00:23:02,980 --> 00:22:59,900
infiltrating to infiltrate the US

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00:23:04,660 --> 00:23:02,990
government to find out things and to

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00:23:06,250 --> 00:23:04,670
influence the decision about whether or

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00:23:08,230 --> 00:23:06,260
not they would maintain their tax-free

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00:23:09,850 --> 00:23:08,240
status and other stuff and they

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00:23:12,100 --> 00:23:09,860
basically charged a bunch of famous

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00:23:14,890 --> 00:23:12,110
Scientologists including I ron Hubbard's

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00:23:17,890 --> 00:23:14,900

wife with conspiracy when did this

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00:23:19,420 --> 00:23:17,900

happen in 1977 right so it's 33 years

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00:23:21,130 --> 00:23:19,430

ago but it's important to remember these

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00:23:23,380 --> 00:23:21,140

things because we you think you know a

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00:23:25,270 --> 00:23:23,390

lot of folks are new to skepticism and

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00:23:27,220 --> 00:23:25,280

maybe haven't read a lot of the older

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00:23:28,720 --> 00:23:27,230

books and aren't aware that there's this

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00:23:31,990 --> 00:23:28,730

whole history of stuff that's gone on

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00:23:33,640 --> 00:23:32,000

and in some respects you see the same

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00:23:35,620 --> 00:23:33,650

things repeating but sometimes it's

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00:23:37,420 --> 00:23:35,630

different so it's important to know what

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00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:37,430

went before so I do that thing every day

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00:23:40,330 --> 00:23:38,240

on Twitter

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00:23:43,530 --> 00:23:40,340

let's get Twitter name my twitter name

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00:23:46,780 --> 00:23:43,540

is Krell Nick k Arielle and I K yep and

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00:23:48,419 --> 00:23:46,790

and I also do a skeptic history thing on

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00:23:50,820 --> 00:23:48,429

the skepticism right

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00:23:52,409 --> 00:23:50,830

Podcast where I take the skeptic

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00:23:54,690 --> 00:23:52,419

histories and I expand it out a little

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00:23:57,149 --> 00:23:54,700

bit little yeah it's a little

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00:23:59,640 --> 00:23:57,159

three-minute segment yeah in the podcast

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00:24:01,169 --> 00:23:59,650

and so like whatever like if it come if

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00:24:02,880 --> 00:24:01,179

the podcast comes out on a Tuesday

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00:24:04,890 --> 00:24:02,890

there'll be a couple of dates that are

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00:24:07,350 --> 00:24:04,900

in the next week or so yeah coming up

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00:24:09,180 --> 00:24:07,360

and I try to expand on it more because

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00:24:12,269 --> 00:24:09,190

obviously with Twitter you can only just

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00:24:14,370 --> 00:24:12,279

yeah you say something very quick yeah

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00:24:16,740 --> 00:24:14,380

that's on skepticism that's one

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00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:16,750

skeptic County yeah which is actually

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00:24:23,750 --> 00:24:20,080

the first skeptical podcast isn't it

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00:24:26,580 --> 00:24:23,760

yeah I think yeah basically the April of

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00:24:29,010 --> 00:24:26,590

2005 right yeah that when they would

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00:24:30,690 --> 00:24:29,020

skepticism and a skeptics guide in the

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00:24:32,159 --> 00:24:30,700

universe I think started within a week

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00:24:34,019 --> 00:24:32,169

or two of each other

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00:24:36,269 --> 00:24:34,029

and hasn't the movement grown since then

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00:24:38,549 --> 00:24:36,279

yeah it's amazing in that yeah it's hard

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00:24:41,310 --> 00:24:38,559
to keep up there's so many podcasts I'd

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00:24:43,380 --> 00:24:41,320
always done well I mean there's thirteen

653
00:24:45,480 --> 00:24:43,390
hundred people here two at Tennessee and

654
00:24:46,769 --> 00:24:45,490
I know Randy was doing a talk earlier on

655
00:24:49,440 --> 00:24:46,779
saying that next year they're hoping for

656
00:24:50,820 --> 00:24:49,450
twice that many so we'll be taking over

657
00:24:53,639 --> 00:24:50,830
the whole casino and we'll need a bigger

658
00:24:55,139 --> 00:24:53,649
hotel I'm gonna be a hotel all right Tim

659
00:24:56,220 --> 00:24:55,149
well thanks very much for joining us is

660
00:24:59,370 --> 00:24:56,230
there anything else you wanted to plug

661
00:25:00,779 --> 00:24:59,380
no no pretty much excellent thank you so

662
00:25:02,909 --> 00:25:00,789
listeners please head to what's the hunt

663
00:25:06,210 --> 00:25:02,919

net yeah and if you have any teapots

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00:25:13,400 --> 00:25:06,220

please email - yeah - abuse him if your

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00:25:18,050 --> 00:25:16,190

and as you heard in that report from Tim

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00:25:20,210 --> 00:25:18,060

Farley he was talking about the case of

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00:25:23,600 --> 00:25:20,220

Penelope Dingle who died from colorectal

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00:25:26,300 --> 00:25:23,610

cancer in 2005 in Perth Western

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00:25:28,280 --> 00:25:26,310

Australia the findings of the coroner

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00:25:30,410 --> 00:25:28,290

were passed down today and I just want

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00:25:33,260 --> 00:25:30,420

to read you a short excerpt from a news

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00:25:35,840 --> 00:25:33,270

article about this case it's headlined

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00:25:38,140 --> 00:25:35,850

poor decision-making poor advice led to

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00:25:40,670 --> 00:25:38,150

death and it's from the West Australian

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00:25:42,410 --> 00:25:40,680

homeopath franciene screen has come

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00:25:44,540 --> 00:25:42,420
under heavy criticism today over the

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00:25:46,670 --> 00:25:44,550
death of cancer victim Penelope Dingle

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00:25:48,170 --> 00:25:46,680
with the state coroner finding she

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00:25:50,810 --> 00:25:48,180
convinced the ailing woman she could

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00:25:52,580 --> 00:25:50,820
cure her cancer handing down his

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00:25:54,770 --> 00:25:52,590
findings into the death of mrs. Dingle

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00:25:57,290 --> 00:25:54,780
wife of prominent Perth toxicologist

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00:25:59,810 --> 00:25:57,300
Peter Dingle the coroner said mrs.

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00:26:03,380 --> 00:25:59,820
Graham's claim was an outrageous thing

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00:26:05,240 --> 00:26:03,390
to do he said the homeopath was giving

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00:26:08,600 --> 00:26:05,250
dangerous advice in which he had no

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00:26:10,490 --> 00:26:08,610
expertise specialists had urged mrs.

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00:26:13,370 --> 00:26:10,500

Dingle to undergo surgery chemotherapy

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00:26:15,050 --> 00:26:13,380

and radiotherapy but she opted for

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00:26:17,840 --> 00:26:15,060

alternative treatments including

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00:26:20,150 --> 00:26:17,850

homeopathy the alternative remedies

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included a diet with no meat or fatty

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00:26:25,340 --> 00:26:22,710

foods and no animal or dairy products

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00:26:27,380 --> 00:26:25,350

he said that whilst miss gran and dr.

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00:26:30,020 --> 00:26:27,390

Singhal had contributed to mrs. Dingles

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00:26:31,520 --> 00:26:30,030

decision-making ultimately the decisions

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00:26:33,590 --> 00:26:31,530

were those of the deceased and the

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00:26:36,230 --> 00:26:33,600

deceased paid a terrible price for poor

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00:26:40,140 --> 00:26:36,240

decision-making once again another sad

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00:26:54,740 --> 00:26:40,150

example of what's the harm in homeopathy

701
00:27:01,440 --> 00:26:58,380
hi I'm dr. ginger Campbell I started the

702
00:27:04,230 --> 00:27:01,450
brain science podcast in December 2006

703
00:27:06,480 --> 00:27:04,240
with the tagline the show for everyone

704
00:27:10,520 --> 00:27:06,490
who has a brain because you don't need a

705
00:27:13,710 --> 00:27:10,530
PhD to enjoy my podcast all you need is

706
00:27:16,590 --> 00:27:13,720
curiosity about how our brains make us

707
00:27:19,530 --> 00:27:16,600
who we are the brain science podcast is

708
00:27:21,990 --> 00:27:19,540
not a self-help show but understanding

709
00:27:25,080 --> 00:27:22,000
how the brain works will give you useful

710
00:27:28,170 --> 00:27:25,090
insights into your own behavior and the

711
00:27:29,850 --> 00:27:28,180
behavior of others on the show I talk

712
00:27:33,510 --> 00:27:29,860
about the latest books about the brain

713
00:27:35,250 --> 00:27:33,520

and I interview leading scientists of

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00:27:38,070 --> 00:27:35,260

course I would love to be discovered by

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00:27:41,220 --> 00:27:38,080

NPR but until then you can find the

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00:27:44,680 --> 00:27:41,230

brain science podcast in iTunes and at

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00:27:53,910 --> 00:27:44,690

brain science podcast calm

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00:27:56,530 --> 00:27:53,920

[Music]

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00:27:58,330 --> 00:27:56,540

product is shown to be wanting a COBOL

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00:28:00,090 --> 00:27:58,340

Jax on the phone Jack wants to sing the

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00:28:02,830 --> 00:28:00,100

praises of magnetic products hello jack

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00:28:05,140 --> 00:28:02,840

hello can I go for how are you very good

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00:28:08,500 --> 00:28:05,150

thanks thanks for the call yes thank you

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00:28:10,630 --> 00:28:08,510

thanks regular call look um I've known

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00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:10,640

about many products for over 30 years

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00:28:16,060 --> 00:28:13,760

and I've done a lot of reading on it and

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00:28:19,810 --> 00:28:16,070

and I can personally testify myself I

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00:28:21,460 --> 00:28:19,820

had a very bad knee and I didn't know

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00:28:23,470 --> 00:28:21,470

whether this magnetic strip was going to

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00:28:25,660 --> 00:28:23,480

work so it's not like I was sort of

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00:28:29,440 --> 00:28:25,670

convincing myself mind over matter that

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00:28:31,780 --> 00:28:29,450

will work and I put on my knee I reckon

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00:28:34,690 --> 00:28:31,790

it took about a week and it my pain

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00:28:37,750 --> 00:28:34,700

completely went I didn't take any any

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00:28:39,310 --> 00:28:37,760

other tablets medication I did a lot of

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00:28:41,770 --> 00:28:39,320

reading on that any products and

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00:28:45,310 --> 00:28:41,780

fulfillment I understand the simple

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00:28:49,270 --> 00:28:45,320

concept of it is your blood has negative

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00:28:52,330 --> 00:28:49,280

and positive ions in RNs and when you

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00:28:54,250 --> 00:28:52,340

apply a magnet to that it attracts those

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00:28:56,740 --> 00:28:54,260

negatives and positives of positive ions

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00:28:58,240 --> 00:28:56,750

and it increases your circulation

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00:29:02,580 --> 00:28:58,250

you've been reading their website

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00:29:04,990 --> 00:29:02,590

haven't you Jack nothing and basically

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00:29:08,170 --> 00:29:05,000

everyone knows that when you have an

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00:29:10,510 --> 00:29:08,180

increased circulation B through exercise

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00:29:11,260 --> 00:29:10,520

or whatever when you increase your

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00:29:14,380 --> 00:29:11,270

circulation

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00:29:16,200 --> 00:29:14,390

that's what does the fixing up Jack what

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00:29:19,240 --> 00:29:16,210

do you mean by increase your circulation

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00:29:21,700 --> 00:29:19,250

well you just like when you exercise

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00:29:25,000 --> 00:29:21,710

your circulation your blood circulation

753

00:29:27,340 --> 00:29:25,010

increases because your body I you've

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00:29:31,000 --> 00:29:27,350

lost me a blood moons bathroom is faster

755

00:29:33,970 --> 00:29:31,010

it blood moves faster it's what your

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00:29:35,980 --> 00:29:33,980

blood just circles you system is like if

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00:29:38,410 --> 00:29:35,990

you don't exercise it becomes like Stagg

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00:29:40,060 --> 00:29:38,420

stagnate water what's this got to do

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00:29:42,160 --> 00:29:40,070

with pain relief you've sort of gone off

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00:29:43,960 --> 00:29:42,170

track a little bit here we're pain

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00:29:46,270 --> 00:29:43,970

relief if you if you increase the

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00:29:47,890 --> 00:29:46,280

circulation in your body right pain

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00:29:50,110 --> 00:29:47,900

relief like just say for instance with

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00:29:53,140 --> 00:29:50,120

joint Irving is usually caused through

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00:29:54,700 --> 00:29:53,150

inflammation that's right if you get

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00:29:57,550 --> 00:29:54,710

information a certain part of the body

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00:29:59,350 --> 00:29:57,560

the signs it gives you is pain

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00:30:00,620 --> 00:29:59,360

yes but Chuck do you understand how the

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00:30:02,960 --> 00:30:00,630

inflammation process

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00:30:06,410 --> 00:30:02,970

you can't flush it away if you increase

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00:30:08,360 --> 00:30:06,420

your blood flow because specific types

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00:30:10,730 --> 00:30:08,370

of cells are actually recruited to the

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00:30:12,590 --> 00:30:10,740

site of inflammation as long as that

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00:30:14,600 --> 00:30:12,600

inflammation remains and you can't kind

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00:30:16,070 --> 00:30:14,610

of wash that out like you would I wash

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00:30:18,620 --> 00:30:16,080

dishes or something it doesn't work like

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00:30:21,530 --> 00:30:18,630

that right okay but but have you heard

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00:30:28,070 --> 00:30:21,540

of reflexology yes yes it doesn't work

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00:30:29,690 --> 00:30:28,080

either for reflexologist oh okay Jack

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00:30:31,160 --> 00:30:29,700

you're just the man we're looking for

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00:30:33,710 --> 00:30:31,170

you can apply for the Australian

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00:30:36,170 --> 00:30:33,720

skeptics \$100,000 challenge if you can

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00:30:38,900 --> 00:30:36,180

prove that reflexology work I can prove

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00:30:45,170 --> 00:30:38,910

it was my wife's did I married my wife

785

00:30:46,970 --> 00:30:45,180

through reflexology what that doesn't

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00:30:47,390 --> 00:30:46,980

prove it where did you read her face or

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00:30:50,060 --> 00:30:47,400

something

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00:30:52,550 --> 00:30:50,070

how did you do that happened about 12

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00:30:56,030 --> 00:30:52,560

years ago we're all going to go out one

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00:30:57,830 --> 00:30:56,040

night and I was with those four of us

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00:31:00,950 --> 00:30:57,840

and she was she was there with a

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00:31:03,020 --> 00:31:00,960

girlfriend and when we turned up to pick

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00:31:05,630 --> 00:31:03,030

everyone up she was that she had a she

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00:31:08,300 --> 00:31:05,640

had shock it's shocking scientists right

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00:31:10,190 --> 00:31:08,310

and and one of the best results that I

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00:31:12,710 --> 00:31:10,200

get with reflexology it was sinus

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00:31:14,030 --> 00:31:12,720

problems all right and she it was that

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00:31:16,580 --> 00:31:14,040

bad she wasn't going to go out and I

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00:31:18,770 --> 00:31:16,590

said look this and this might sound a

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00:31:21,440 --> 00:31:18,780

bit weird but I can do some points

801
00:31:23,720 --> 00:31:21,450
around your your toes all right your

802
00:31:25,460 --> 00:31:23,730
sinus points are in your toes and I'll

803
00:31:27,380 --> 00:31:25,470
be just about guarantee you'll

804
00:31:29,000 --> 00:31:27,390
definitely get relief Jack why didn't

805
00:31:30,380 --> 00:31:29,010
you get her to go for a run and increase

806
00:31:32,660 --> 00:31:30,390
her circulation that would have worked

807
00:31:35,210 --> 00:31:32,670
too right that's what you just told us

808
00:31:37,790 --> 00:31:35,220
no no no because with reflexology it

809
00:31:41,000 --> 00:31:37,800
works on your endings right and those

810
00:31:43,490 --> 00:31:41,010
nerve endings over the years they they

811
00:31:51,020 --> 00:31:43,500
get deposits of crystallization of

812
00:31:53,360 --> 00:31:51,030
toxins no they don't time out both sides

813
00:31:55,550 --> 00:31:53,370

I'm gonna step in here as adjudicator

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00:31:56,870 --> 00:31:55,560

I'm sorry jack I can prove it okay jack

815

00:31:59,750 --> 00:31:56,880

that's exactly what I want you to do

816

00:32:02,750 --> 00:31:59,760

because these guys have a standing

817

00:32:04,910 --> 00:32:02,760

\$100,000 bounty on anybody that can

818

00:32:07,100 --> 00:32:04,920

prove things that they reckon don't work

819

00:32:09,890 --> 00:32:07,110

really work now you're saying that you

820

00:32:10,700 --> 00:32:09,900

can prove reflux reflux reflux ology

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00:32:13,700 --> 00:32:10,710

actually works

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00:32:14,840 --> 00:32:13,710

the Australian skeptics have a \$100,000

823

00:32:17,090 --> 00:32:14,850

to anybody who can demonstrate

824

00:32:19,279 --> 00:32:17,100

paranormal or supernatural powers under

825

00:32:21,619 --> 00:32:19,289

mutually agreed test conditions okay

826

00:32:23,119 --> 00:32:21,629

yeah here's your opportunity Jack I want

827

00:32:25,100 --> 00:32:23,129

to see you take the money Jack I'm on

828

00:32:26,779 --> 00:32:25,110

your side right I want to see you take

829

00:32:28,519 --> 00:32:26,789

the money so I want you to go to their

830

00:32:33,740 --> 00:32:28,529

website skeptics

831

00:32:35,539 --> 00:32:33,750

SK EPT icis.com do you write and check

832

00:32:38,060 --> 00:32:35,549

out their website you'll find this this

833

00:32:40,159 --> 00:32:38,070

\$100,000 prize offer on there get in

834

00:32:41,389 --> 00:32:40,169

touch with the skeptics tell Richard get

835

00:32:42,499 --> 00:32:41,399

to send him an email and tell him that

836

00:32:43,940 --> 00:32:42,509

you want to find out all about it

837

00:32:46,610 --> 00:32:43,950

because you want to be \$100,000 richer

838

00:32:47,869 --> 00:32:46,620

and Jack I just say good luck to you

839

00:32:49,789 --> 00:32:47,879

because if you believe in what you're

840

00:32:52,009 --> 00:32:49,799

talking about with reflexology and you

841

00:32:54,080 --> 00:32:52,019

reckon you can prove that it works the

842

00:32:56,029 --> 00:32:54,090

money is your money take it taking it

843

00:32:58,399 --> 00:32:56,039

for sure that guaranteed you can get 10

844

00:33:00,379 --> 00:32:58,409

people 15 people that's got problem

845

00:33:02,960 --> 00:33:00,389

sighs I think problem knee problems Jack

846

00:33:04,639 --> 00:33:02,970

- Jack go to the website and let us know

847

00:33:06,409 --> 00:33:04,649

how you go all right thank you you're on

848

00:33:08,539 --> 00:33:06,419

your boat there we go you're good could

849

00:33:10,190 --> 00:33:08,549

be \$100,000 better off absolutely there

850

00:33:21,860 --> 00:33:10,200

again he may not be as well 10 minutes

851
00:33:24,980 --> 00:33:21,870
to 11 got a quick break now it's time

852
00:33:26,460 --> 00:33:24,990
for dr. Ratey reports with dr. Rachael

853
00:33:28,439 --> 00:33:26,470
Dunlop

854
00:33:31,209 --> 00:33:28,449
[Music]

855
00:33:34,419 --> 00:33:31,219
hello listeners and welcome to dr. Ratey

856
00:33:36,430 --> 00:33:34,429
reports at the risk of sounding like a

857
00:33:38,019 --> 00:33:36,440
broken record and I apologize for this

858
00:33:40,479 --> 00:33:38,029
but we're a little bit pleased in

859
00:33:42,489 --> 00:33:40,489
Australia at the moment I'm going to

860
00:33:44,199 --> 00:33:42,499
talk about some of the extensive media

861
00:33:46,479 --> 00:33:44,209
coverage that the anti-vaccination

862
00:33:49,060 --> 00:33:46,489
network have been getting in the past

863
00:33:51,189 --> 00:33:49,070

week since the H Triple C public

864

00:33:52,959 --> 00:33:51,199

statement was released now those of you

865

00:33:55,119 --> 00:33:52,969

who follow my blog would have seen a

866

00:33:58,959 --> 00:33:55,129

post I wrote last week about how the

867

00:34:00,939 --> 00:33:58,969

media tide has turned on the AVN and now

868

00:34:04,359 --> 00:34:00,949

they're being referred to routinely as

869

00:34:06,789 --> 00:34:04,369

anti-vaccination but why believe me I'm

870

00:34:08,470 --> 00:34:06,799

a skeptic I seek the evidence so this

871

00:34:10,029 --> 00:34:08,480

week I'm presenting you with some of

872

00:34:13,059 --> 00:34:10,039

that evidence that I've collected from

873

00:34:15,639 --> 00:34:13,069

across the media in Australia so you can

874

00:34:18,129 --> 00:34:15,649

see for yourself how things have changed

875

00:34:21,099 --> 00:34:18,139

for Merrill so first up is steve

876

00:34:23,589 --> 00:34:21,109

lieberman from radio to ue responding to

877

00:34:25,990 --> 00:34:23,599

a front-page article on The Sydney

878

00:34:28,450 --> 00:34:26,000

Morning Herald about the avian harassing

879

00:34:30,430 --> 00:34:28,460

the McCaffrey family takes takes a lot

880

00:34:33,309 --> 00:34:30,440

to get me angry but let me tell you this

881

00:34:35,099 --> 00:34:33,319

morning I'm angry I cannot believe this

882

00:34:37,599 --> 00:34:35,109

story in today's Sydney Morning Herald

883

00:34:40,389 --> 00:34:37,609

about this group calling itself the

884

00:34:41,499 --> 00:34:40,399

Australian vaccination Network who do

885

00:34:43,990 --> 00:34:41,509

they think they are

886

00:34:46,869 --> 00:34:44,000

The Herald tells us that this group of

887

00:34:49,690 --> 00:34:46,879

North Coast wackos last year waged a

888

00:34:52,089 --> 00:34:49,700

campaign of harassment and abuse against

889

00:34:54,369 --> 00:34:52,099

a lennox head family whose four week old

890

00:34:55,990 --> 00:34:54,379

daughter died from whooping cough the

891

00:34:58,029 --> 00:34:56,000

little girl incidentally hadn't been

892

00:35:00,130 --> 00:34:58,039

vaccinated when she died because she was

893

00:35:01,870 --> 00:35:00,140

too young now look you can argue the

894

00:35:03,940 --> 00:35:01,880

case for and against vaccinations I

895

00:35:06,460 --> 00:35:03,950

happen to believe in it but that's not

896

00:35:09,400 --> 00:35:06,470

the point the point is this group the

897

00:35:12,099 --> 00:35:09,410

avian it calls itself accused Tony and

898

00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:12,109

David McCaffrey of lying about the cause

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00:35:15,910 --> 00:35:14,240

of their daughter's death this is the

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00:35:17,740 --> 00:35:15,920

group that tried to get the baby's

901
00:35:19,779 --> 00:35:17,750
medical records without permission

902
00:35:22,089 --> 00:35:19,789
this is the group that says whooping

903
00:35:23,980 --> 00:35:22,099
cough is not fatal and vaccinations are

904
00:35:26,230 --> 00:35:23,990
not needed that claims the meningococcal

905
00:35:29,019 --> 00:35:26,240
disease is harmless and hardly kills

906
00:35:30,670 --> 00:35:29,029
anyone that vaccination vaccination is

907
00:35:33,609 --> 00:35:30,680
spreading aids in third world countries

908
00:35:36,160 --> 00:35:33,619
and that vaccines listen to this one

909
00:35:39,810 --> 00:35:36,170
vaccines are part of a global conspiracy

910
00:35:42,690 --> 00:35:39,820
to implant mind-control chips

911
00:35:45,300 --> 00:35:42,700
to every man woman and child but

912
00:35:47,370 --> 00:35:45,310
overriding all of this is the fact that

913
00:35:50,550 --> 00:35:47,380

this group thinks that they can harass

914

00:35:52,410 --> 00:35:50,560

abuse and threaten people who take an

915

00:35:53,760 --> 00:35:52,420

opposing view to theirs now I don't know

916

00:35:55,410 --> 00:35:53,770

whether you've ever heard of this group

917

00:35:57,780 --> 00:35:55,420

whether you've been in a similar

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00:35:59,730 --> 00:35:57,790

situation to the McCaffrey's if you have

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00:36:02,520 --> 00:35:59,740

I'd like to hear from you this morning

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00:36:03,270 --> 00:36:02,530

on thirteen thirteen thirty-two these

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00:36:05,190 --> 00:36:03,280

people

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00:36:07,830 --> 00:36:05,200

the Australian vaccination Network

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00:36:10,020 --> 00:36:07,840

they're an organization that should

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00:36:12,570 --> 00:36:10,030

because it they are a threat to public

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00:36:15,630 --> 00:36:12,580

health and safety they should be closed

926
00:36:17,340 --> 00:36:15,640
down now on the line is Ken MacLeod he

927
00:36:19,890 --> 00:36:17,350
is a member of a group that wants

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00:36:22,470 --> 00:36:19,900
precisely that he's calling his

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00:36:24,480 --> 00:36:22,480
organization the stop the Australian

930
00:36:28,530 --> 00:36:24,490
vaccination Network Ken MacLeod good

931
00:36:30,390 --> 00:36:28,540
morning to you watch what's your

932
00:36:33,930 --> 00:36:30,400
interest in shutting this group down

933
00:36:36,450 --> 00:36:33,940
specifically my interest is that that

934
00:36:39,540 --> 00:36:36,460
the avian and as president meant

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00:36:41,970 --> 00:36:39,550
officially a danger to public health and

936
00:36:44,760 --> 00:36:41,980
it is incumbent upon government to

937
00:36:47,040 --> 00:36:44,770
counter any danger to public health and

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00:36:49,680 --> 00:36:47,050

perhaps this is something government

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00:36:51,810 --> 00:36:49,690

should be doing okay now we'll come to

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00:36:54,030 --> 00:36:51,820

what government can or can't will or

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00:36:56,670 --> 00:36:54,040

won't do in a moment but the reality is

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00:36:58,620 --> 00:36:56,680

can you shut the ABN down given that

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00:37:01,230 --> 00:36:58,630

these days it can still spread it's

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00:37:03,300 --> 00:37:01,240

misinformation via the Internet that's

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00:37:05,910 --> 00:37:03,310

right it isn't it is an issue of

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00:37:10,080 --> 00:37:05,920

practicality and it is an issue of free

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00:37:13,620 --> 00:37:10,090

speech I did ask the H Triple C to

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00:37:15,810 --> 00:37:13,630

consider that but the legislation does

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00:37:18,480 --> 00:37:15,820

not exist for the healthcare Complaints

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00:37:20,460 --> 00:37:18,490

Commission to do that the most of health

951
00:37:23,700 --> 00:37:20,470
healthcare Complaints Commission can do

952
00:37:26,490 --> 00:37:23,710
is issue a public warning I'm also

953
00:37:28,800 --> 00:37:26,500
suggesting that the H Triple C consider

954
00:37:31,170 --> 00:37:28,810
taking out an injunction where they

955
00:37:33,930 --> 00:37:31,180
would where the court would compel the

956
00:37:35,460 --> 00:37:33,940
ABN to put disclaimers prominently on

957
00:37:38,280 --> 00:37:35,470
their website to say that their

958
00:37:41,100 --> 00:37:38,290
information is misleading so Ken who is

959
00:37:43,260 --> 00:37:41,110
this Merrill Dorie or Dorie or whatever

960
00:37:45,480 --> 00:37:43,270
who runs this network out of Bangalow

961
00:37:47,970 --> 00:37:45,490
well I've never met her personally and

962
00:37:51,200 --> 00:37:47,980
but I've seen a lot of her writings and

963
00:37:52,730 --> 00:37:51,210

appearances on television and radio

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00:37:55,790 --> 00:37:52,740

american-born sit

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00:37:58,510 --> 00:37:55,800

that for some reason has taken upon

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00:38:01,910 --> 00:37:58,520

herself to combat vaccinations as a

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00:38:05,930 --> 00:38:01,920

principal everywhere she goes through

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00:38:08,660 --> 00:38:05,940

magazines seminars lobbying politicians

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00:38:11,570 --> 00:38:08,670

and so on to me it's all quite bizarre

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00:38:13,670 --> 00:38:11,580

that anyone would question vaccination

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00:38:15,890 --> 00:38:13,680

in this day and age but there you are

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00:38:18,290 --> 00:38:15,900

well in the as I said in introducing you

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00:38:20,480 --> 00:38:18,300

I mean in one sense you put the

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00:38:23,420 --> 00:38:20,490

vaccination debate to one side the thing

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00:38:26,960 --> 00:38:23,430

that really irks me is that they would

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00:38:29,690 --> 00:38:26,970

dare harass this family under the the

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00:38:31,730 --> 00:38:29,700

McCaffrey's at Lenox head that they

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00:38:33,980 --> 00:38:31,740

would dare harass them in the manner in

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00:38:37,460 --> 00:38:33,990

which they have in the circumstances

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00:38:39,410 --> 00:38:37,470

yeah that was probably what prompted me

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00:38:40,940 --> 00:38:39,420

most to put in my complaint to the

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00:38:44,359 --> 00:38:40,950

healthcare Complaints Commission I

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00:38:47,359 --> 00:38:44,369

thought that the adn had gone one step

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00:38:50,030 --> 00:38:47,369

too far I mean it's all very well to to

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00:38:52,370 --> 00:38:50,040

question the science and to raise

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00:38:54,710 --> 00:38:52,380

concerns and so on as long as you do it

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00:38:56,750 --> 00:38:54,720

honestly but to harass a family in that

988

00:38:58,460 --> 00:38:56,760

way as I saw on television it's

989

00:39:00,859 --> 00:38:58,470

appalling behavior anecdotally

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00:39:04,099 --> 00:39:00,869

unacceptable totally despicable and I

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00:39:06,620 --> 00:39:04,109

thought something had to be done in this

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00:39:08,900 --> 00:39:06,630

report from ABC's world today program

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00:39:11,060 --> 00:39:08,910

Meryl claims she's not going to place

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00:39:13,970 --> 00:39:11,070

the H Triple C disclaimer on her website

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00:39:18,730 --> 00:39:13,980

because she is quote not anti

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00:39:24,470 --> 00:39:22,370

me she then goes on to say that she's a

997

00:39:26,480 --> 00:39:24,480

health watchdog well if you're a health

998

00:39:28,070 --> 00:39:26,490

watchdog Meryl I think you come under

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00:39:29,810 --> 00:39:28,080

the jurisdiction of the healthcare

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00:39:31,880 --> 00:39:29,820

Complaints Commission the New South

1001
00:39:34,280 --> 00:39:31,890
Wales healthcare Complaints Commission

1002
00:39:36,650 --> 00:39:34,290
has taken the unusual step of issuing a

1003
00:39:39,170 --> 00:39:36,660
safety warning against a group of anti

1004
00:39:40,820 --> 00:39:39,180
vaccination campaigners the Commission

1005
00:39:43,220 --> 00:39:40,830
says the group known as the Australian

1006
00:39:45,140 --> 00:39:43,230
vaccination Network has refused to

1007
00:39:47,150 --> 00:39:45,150
include a prominent disclaimer on its

1008
00:39:50,030 --> 00:39:47,160
website stating the information should

1009
00:39:52,340 --> 00:39:50,040
not be taken as medical advice brahmand

1010
00:39:54,830 --> 00:39:52,350
herbert reports australia faced a

1011
00:39:57,230 --> 00:39:54,840
whooping cough epidemic last year more

1012
00:39:59,870 --> 00:39:57,240
than 19,000 cases were reported and

1013
00:40:02,000 --> 00:39:59,880

three babies died including four week

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00:40:04,430 --> 00:40:02,010

old Dana McCaffrey from the New South

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00:40:06,560 --> 00:40:04,440

Wales North Coast pediatrician Chris

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00:40:09,170 --> 00:40:06,570

Engle treated the sick baby and

1017

00:40:12,080 --> 00:40:09,180

since the Australian vaccination network

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00:40:14,270 --> 00:40:12,090

became active in the region immunization

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00:40:17,690 --> 00:40:14,280

rates have fallen dramatically they

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00:40:21,200 --> 00:40:17,700

spook many young families into believing

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00:40:23,330 --> 00:40:21,210

them that vaccinations are bad that the

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00:40:24,350 --> 00:40:23,340

risk outweighs the benefit which is

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00:40:29,060 --> 00:40:24,360

quite wrong

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00:40:31,790 --> 00:40:29,070

ever since the AVN became active up here

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00:40:33,790 --> 00:40:31,800

the immunization rates of fall and we're

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00:40:38,030 --> 00:40:33,800
the lowest in the state we have pockets

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00:40:40,370 --> 00:40:38,040
below 50% vaccination it does of the

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00:40:43,070 --> 00:40:40,380
pockets where the pertussis outbreaks

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00:40:45,320 --> 00:40:43,080
are seeded unfortunately it rolls out to

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00:40:48,650 --> 00:40:45,330
the entire community so everyone gets

1031
00:40:51,320 --> 00:40:48,660
affected and we've seen that in ways

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00:40:53,870 --> 00:40:51,330
over the last two or three years in poor

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00:40:55,760 --> 00:40:53,880
little Dana McAfee was caught up hanging

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00:40:57,200 --> 00:40:55,770
one of those ways the healthcare

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00:40:59,270 --> 00:40:57,210
Complaints Commission has been

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00:41:01,820 --> 00:40:59,280
investigating the network it's now

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00:41:03,440 --> 00:41:01,830
issued a new public warning the

1038
00:41:05,210 --> 00:41:03,450

Commission recognizes that it is

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00:41:07,820 --> 00:41:05,220

important for there to be debate on the

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00:41:09,770 --> 00:41:07,830

issue of vaccination however the AVN

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00:41:12,860 --> 00:41:09,780

provides information that is inaccurate

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00:41:14,690 --> 00:41:12,870

and misleading the avians failure to

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00:41:16,850 --> 00:41:14,700

include a notice on its website of the

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00:41:18,770 --> 00:41:16,860

nature recommended by the Commission may

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00:41:20,960 --> 00:41:18,780

result in members of the public making

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00:41:22,730 --> 00:41:20,970

improperly informed decisions about

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00:41:25,460 --> 00:41:22,740

whether or not to vaccinate and

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00:41:26,570 --> 00:41:25,470

therefore poses a risk to public health

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00:41:28,280 --> 00:41:26,580

and safety

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00:41:30,980 --> 00:41:28,290

the Australian vaccination Network

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00:41:33,440 --> 00:41:30,990
spokeswoman is Meryl Dorie we already

1052
00:41:35,120 --> 00:41:33,450
had two of the three items that the

1053
00:41:37,010 --> 00:41:35,130
healthcare Complaints Commission asked

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00:41:39,590 --> 00:41:37,020
us to put up on the website and we'd had

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00:41:42,410 --> 00:41:39,600
these things up there for years the only

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00:41:44,210 --> 00:41:42,420
thing that the AVN refuses to put up on

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00:41:47,870 --> 00:41:44,220
the website and we do refuse to put it

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00:41:50,120 --> 00:41:47,880
up and surely this is censorship and

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00:41:52,310 --> 00:41:50,130
it's at its highest level to insist that

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00:41:54,050 --> 00:41:52,320
we put this up the healthcare complains

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00:41:56,690 --> 00:41:54,060
Commission wants us to state that we are

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00:41:59,390 --> 00:41:56,700
anti vaccination and we are not never

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00:42:01,520 --> 00:41:59,400

have been anti vaccination we are pro

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00:42:04,790 --> 00:42:01,530

information pro-choice and a health

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00:42:07,370 --> 00:42:04,800

safety watchdog so you do advocate that

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00:42:09,410 --> 00:42:07,380

vaccinations should be taken when it is

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00:42:11,750 --> 00:42:09,420

appropriate you know we advocate that

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00:42:13,970 --> 00:42:11,760

people make informed decisions when it

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00:42:15,830 --> 00:42:13,980

comes to all medical issues including

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00:42:18,350 --> 00:42:15,840

vaccination and that's all we say

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00:42:18,520 --> 00:42:18,360

Merrill Dorie says since the AVN is in

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00:42:25,330 --> 00:42:18,530

the

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00:42:28,900 --> 00:42:25,340

Commission's jurisdiction to investigate

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00:42:31,000 --> 00:42:28,910

the group Raman Herbert so Meryl Dory

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00:42:33,610 --> 00:42:31,010

says that neither herself nor the AVN

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00:42:35,820 --> 00:42:33,620
are health educators but according to

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00:42:39,460 --> 00:42:35,830
the final report from the H Triple C

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00:42:41,920 --> 00:42:39,470
quote miss dory speaks on the subject of

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00:42:44,590 --> 00:42:41,930
vaccinations on local radio and at a

1080
00:42:46,720 --> 00:42:44,600
number of different forums including The

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00:42:49,210 --> 00:42:46,730
Bachelor of naturopathy course conducted

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00:42:51,520 --> 00:42:49,220
by Southern Cross University pregnancy

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00:42:55,120 --> 00:42:51,530
discussion groups and the Woodford Folk

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00:42:56,920 --> 00:42:55,130
Festival unquote and it was at the

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00:42:58,690 --> 00:42:56,930
Woodford Folk Festival where she was

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00:43:02,740 --> 00:42:58,700
referred to as Australia's leading

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00:43:05,160 --> 00:43:02,750
expert on vaccinations next up is John

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00:43:07,450 --> 00:43:05,170

and sandy from - you eat breakfast radio

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00:43:08,980 --> 00:43:07,460

now we as a country we have a pretty

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00:43:10,600 --> 00:43:08,990

impressive record when it comes to

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00:43:12,760 --> 00:43:10,610

childhood vaccinations I think around

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00:43:14,170 --> 00:43:12,770

90% of kids in this country are

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00:43:16,270 --> 00:43:14,180

vaccinated but there are still some

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00:43:18,490 --> 00:43:16,280

people out there who are vehemently

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00:43:20,110 --> 00:43:18,500

opposed to vaccinating children and

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00:43:21,880 --> 00:43:20,120

they're usually headed up by a body

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00:43:24,550 --> 00:43:21,890

called the Australian vaccination

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00:43:27,100 --> 00:43:24,560

Network and it's been long conducting a

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00:43:29,170 --> 00:43:27,110

long-running campaign trying to dissuade

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00:43:30,340 --> 00:43:29,180

parents from having their kids immunized

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00:43:32,050 --> 00:43:30,350

so it's a it's a controversial

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00:43:34,330 --> 00:43:32,060

organization it's long been criticized

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00:43:36,820 --> 00:43:34,340

for circulating misinformation about the

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00:43:38,830 --> 00:43:36,830

risks of vaccination vaccination is a is

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00:43:40,540 --> 00:43:38,840

a personal thing a lot of people feel

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00:43:42,400 --> 00:43:40,550

very very strongly about it either one

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00:43:45,340 --> 00:43:42,410

way or the other but the Australian

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00:43:47,470 --> 00:43:45,350

vaccination Network is not afraid to put

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00:43:49,510 --> 00:43:47,480

its views out there in indeed there's a

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00:43:54,730 --> 00:43:49,520

story today and it's one that would make

1111

00:43:57,370 --> 00:43:54,740

you just weep a four week old baby Donna

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00:43:59,830 --> 00:43:57,380

died from whooping cough Tony and David

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00:44:02,470 --> 00:43:59,840

McCaffrey the parents in the aftermath

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00:44:04,870 --> 00:44:02,480

of losing a four week old who had

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00:44:07,180 --> 00:44:04,880

whooping cough were we're trying to come

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00:44:09,460 --> 00:44:07,190

to terms with it all and suddenly found

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00:44:12,580 --> 00:44:09,470

themselves with with with contacts

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00:44:14,410 --> 00:44:12,590

emails nasty stuff coming to them from

1119

00:44:16,150 --> 00:44:14,420

Miss Australian vaccinations Network I

1120

00:44:18,070 --> 00:44:16,160

can't believe it this is harassment the

1121

00:44:20,200 --> 00:44:18,080

network going to harass a couple who've

1122

00:44:22,210 --> 00:44:20,210

lost a full week old baby the mother of

1123

00:44:24,300 --> 00:44:22,220

the baby is Tony McCaffrey and she joins

1124

00:44:26,950 --> 00:44:24,310

us on the line now good morning to you I

1125

00:44:29,200 --> 00:44:26,960

suppose for for anyone the thought of

1126

00:44:31,270 --> 00:44:29,210

losing a baby at four weeks is is just

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00:44:31,960 --> 00:44:31,280

so tragic you can't even think about it

1128

00:44:33,970 --> 00:44:31,970

but then

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00:44:36,099 --> 00:44:33,980

they have a campaign such as we've

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00:44:38,950 --> 00:44:36,109

touched on it must have been shattering

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00:44:42,760 --> 00:44:38,960

for you look we were just in absolute

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00:44:44,320 --> 00:44:42,770

shock when Dana died the greatest

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00:44:46,450 --> 00:44:44,330

heartbreak is that no one warned us

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00:44:48,430 --> 00:44:46,460

about whooping cough there was no

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00:44:51,910 --> 00:44:48,440

warning sticker on her health records

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00:44:54,250 --> 00:44:51,920

and Dana was the third baby airlifted

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00:44:55,359 --> 00:44:54,260

from this area to intensive care and to

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00:44:56,770 --> 00:44:55,369

the week after

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00:45:00,400 --> 00:44:56,780

there was a very dangerous environment

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00:45:03,190 --> 00:45:00,410

so that's why we went public but we was

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00:45:04,839 --> 00:45:03,200

even more shocked within three weeks and

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00:45:08,740 --> 00:45:04,849

we started getting anonymous letters to

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00:45:11,859 --> 00:45:08,750

our home started getting emails and just

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00:45:14,310 --> 00:45:11,869

think that thing the I guess the vitriol

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00:45:16,870 --> 00:45:14,320

and lunacy that surrounds this issue

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00:45:17,980 --> 00:45:16,880

she was she was too young to be

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00:45:19,660 --> 00:45:17,990

immunized wasn't she

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00:45:21,849 --> 00:45:19,670

that's right there's only four weeks old

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00:45:23,859 --> 00:45:21,859

so when Dana started exhibiting any

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00:45:25,570 --> 00:45:23,869

symptoms and what I mean by symptom is

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00:45:27,820 --> 00:45:25,580

she had a blocked nose and she was

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00:45:29,920 --> 00:45:27,830

snuffly and a bit unsettled at night

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00:45:32,770 --> 00:45:29,930

which most newborns are that was bit

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00:45:35,680 --> 00:45:32,780

about two weeks of ages she didn't have

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00:45:37,210 --> 00:45:35,690

the first coughs until about the day

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00:45:39,150 --> 00:45:37,220

before we went in the hospital it was

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00:45:41,950 --> 00:45:39,160

just as like a clearing of the throat

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00:45:44,230 --> 00:45:41,960

hey Dana didn't have what they call her

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00:45:46,210 --> 00:45:44,240

coughing paroxysm until 10 minutes after

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00:45:47,670 --> 00:45:46,220

we arrived at hospital so we walked in

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00:45:49,660 --> 00:45:47,680

the door said here's our daughter we

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00:45:52,300 --> 00:45:49,670

she's just been diagnosed with whooping

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00:45:55,000 --> 00:45:52,310

cough at which point she coughed for

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00:45:56,620 --> 00:45:55,010

about an eternity it felt like went blue

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00:45:58,420 --> 00:45:56,630

and passed out had to be put on oxygen

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00:46:01,599 --> 00:45:58,430

and that's how we learned about whooping

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00:46:03,430 --> 00:46:01,609

cough yeah and your concern from what I

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00:46:05,500 --> 00:46:03,440

gather is that you were concerned about

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00:46:08,290 --> 00:46:05,510

the care that was given how much

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00:46:10,089 --> 00:46:08,300

information you were given and what the

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00:46:12,820 --> 00:46:10,099

duty of care from the health system was

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00:46:14,710 --> 00:46:12,830

you then talked about it and found this

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00:46:17,010 --> 00:46:14,720

other stuff coming to you from people

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00:46:18,870 --> 00:46:17,020

who were saying that whooping cough

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00:46:22,210 --> 00:46:18,880

shouldn't be fatal

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00:46:25,060 --> 00:46:22,220

absolutely the whole reason we went

1177

00:46:26,650 --> 00:46:25,070

public it's because the week that Dana

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00:46:28,690 --> 00:46:26,660

died the day after she died you said

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00:46:30,520 --> 00:46:28,700

well tell us if they could confirm her

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00:46:33,430 --> 00:46:30,530

death in a media release and we allowed

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00:46:35,859 --> 00:46:33,440

that to happen anonymously because at

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00:46:37,270 --> 00:46:35,869

the same time they were releasing free

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00:46:38,740 --> 00:46:37,280

boosters when your parents and

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00:46:41,800 --> 00:46:38,750

grandparents and that meant so much to

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00:46:44,200 --> 00:46:41,810

us because no one had told us I mean if

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00:46:45,960 --> 00:46:44,210

I had have had someone had warned me

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00:46:48,060 --> 00:46:45,970

that the rates of infection up here

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00:46:51,180 --> 00:46:48,070

five times but they really you before

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00:46:54,900 --> 00:46:51,190

yet not one health professional told us

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00:46:58,820 --> 00:46:54,910

that's why we went public but then to

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00:47:01,109 --> 00:46:58,830

see all this other stuff coming out and

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00:47:06,120 --> 00:47:01,119

contentions that Dana didn't even die of

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00:47:08,849 --> 00:47:06,130

pertussis it was her medical care or the

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00:47:11,430 --> 00:47:08,859

fact that I saw rumors circulating that

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00:47:12,900 --> 00:47:11,440

she was weak from birth I was sensitive

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00:47:14,070 --> 00:47:12,910

so so they were they were sending you

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00:47:15,540 --> 00:47:14,080

stuff saying it was all a conspiracy

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00:47:16,830 --> 00:47:15,550

though using whooping cough as a

1199

00:47:19,290 --> 00:47:16,840

cover-up because it suited their

1200

00:47:21,630 --> 00:47:19,300

argument against vaccination it even

1201
00:47:23,490 --> 00:47:21,640
went so far as Meryl Dory ringing um

1202
00:47:24,000 --> 00:47:23,500
this is the head of his network that's

1203
00:47:26,160 --> 00:47:24,010
correct

1204
00:47:27,750 --> 00:47:26,170
ringing Paul Corbin the Director of

1205
00:47:29,550 --> 00:47:27,760
Public Health the day before Dana's

1206
00:47:32,460 --> 00:47:29,560
funeral the twelve marks

1207
00:47:35,280 --> 00:47:32,470
speaking of her medical records wanting

1208
00:47:39,300 --> 00:47:35,290
to know how the test was may contending

1209
00:47:41,820 --> 00:47:39,310
that it's that there was no I guess

1210
00:47:44,760 --> 00:47:41,830
confirmation of that test and that the

1211
00:47:47,160 --> 00:47:44,770
government was misleading the public in

1212
00:47:49,290 --> 00:47:47,170
attributing for this to pertussis and

1213
00:47:50,940 --> 00:47:49,300

therefore tricking people into exercise

1214

00:47:53,970 --> 00:47:50,950

but no right to ask for your daughter's

1215

00:47:56,160 --> 00:47:53,980

records absolutely not yet she'll say

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00:47:59,370 --> 00:47:56,170

now that we have no right to know that

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00:48:01,650 --> 00:47:59,380

she called up be keynotes record mmm

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00:48:03,030 --> 00:48:01,660

so did they start by was it message to

1219

00:48:04,800 --> 00:48:03,040

your home is that how the campaign

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00:48:06,089 --> 00:48:04,810

started that's correct so when you've

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00:48:08,339 --> 00:48:06,099

opened the first letter you must have

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00:48:10,079 --> 00:48:08,349

just been a ghastr well my husband was

1223

00:48:12,420 --> 00:48:10,089

the one that got it and it was an

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00:48:15,270 --> 00:48:12,430

anonymous type letter and he ripped it

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00:48:17,250 --> 00:48:15,280

up to two trillion bits and I tried to

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00:48:19,079 --> 00:48:17,260

piece it back together so just throw it

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00:48:21,180 --> 00:48:19,089

away we don't need to see that sort of

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00:48:23,070 --> 00:48:21,190

stuff I mean we had had other letters we

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00:48:24,420 --> 00:48:23,080

received one letter to our home that was

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00:48:26,460 --> 00:48:24,430

addressed to the parents of the baby

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00:48:29,220 --> 00:48:26,470

that had died of whooping cough and it

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00:48:32,430 --> 00:48:29,230

got to it within about another two weeks

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00:48:35,670 --> 00:48:32,440

afterwards we received another anonymous

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00:48:37,740 --> 00:48:35,680

letter to our home st. and writing with

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00:48:39,720 --> 00:48:37,750

an avian brochure and then we got

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00:48:41,880 --> 00:48:39,730

another one a month afterwards it it

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00:48:43,859 --> 00:48:41,890

petered out in about June last year

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00:48:46,770 --> 00:48:43,869

because we had been on that channel

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00:48:49,170 --> 00:48:46,780

seven show Sunday night and I guess

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00:48:52,050 --> 00:48:49,180

they've been outed and the emails are

1241

00:48:54,930 --> 00:48:52,060

coming as well but the nature of the

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00:48:58,470 --> 00:48:54,940

email as well were quite quite bizarre

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00:48:59,340 --> 00:48:58,480

stuff to the point of some very extreme

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00:49:01,260 --> 00:48:59,350

and

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00:49:03,210 --> 00:49:01,270

others are seeing a lot of questions you

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00:49:05,610 --> 00:49:03,220

know where we saw that that's what it

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00:49:07,950 --> 00:49:05,620

called Dana's death and warning us not

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00:49:09,900 --> 00:49:07,960

to speak up in other words because they

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00:49:11,730 --> 00:49:09,910

thought we would harm more babies by

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00:49:14,670 --> 00:49:11,740

speaking up for promoting vaccinations

1251
00:49:16,050 --> 00:49:14,680
and morning pinky I mean the health care

1252
00:49:17,550 --> 00:49:16,060
compliance Commission's described this

1253
00:49:19,710 --> 00:49:17,560
outfit as a serious threat to public

1254
00:49:20,760 --> 00:49:19,720
health you're probably like me I can't

1255
00:49:23,190 --> 00:49:20,770
understand why they haven't just shut it

1256
00:49:26,070 --> 00:49:23,200
down I I don't have to stand a lot of

1257
00:49:28,500 --> 00:49:26,080
things in the last year I um I don't

1258
00:49:31,980 --> 00:49:28,510
understand how people can treat another

1259
00:49:34,950 --> 00:49:31,990
person this way and I I'm also advocacy

1260
00:49:36,990 --> 00:49:34,960
for all these and also choice and I

1261
00:49:38,490 --> 00:49:37,000
think the fact is there's a lot of

1262
00:49:41,340 --> 00:49:38,500
parents out there who are concerned

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00:49:43,500 --> 00:49:41,350

about vaccinations and they want factual

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00:49:45,380 --> 00:49:43,510

information on what the risks and

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00:49:47,460 --> 00:49:45,390

benefits are and I fully support that

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00:49:49,290 --> 00:49:47,470

and the whole reason we made the

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00:49:51,570 --> 00:49:49,300

complaint was yes all this harassment

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00:49:54,150 --> 00:49:51,580

hurt we knew the hey Triple C had no

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00:49:57,360 --> 00:49:54,160

jurisdiction over its what concerned us

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00:49:58,710 --> 00:49:57,370

nor was that by contending that Dana did

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00:50:00,240 --> 00:49:58,720

dive do you think off that it may

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00:50:02,700 --> 00:50:00,250

mislead a parent to think it's not

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00:50:05,220 --> 00:50:02,710

dangerous and it is one in 200 babies

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00:50:06,630 --> 00:50:05,230

that catches disease will die you know

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00:50:09,000 --> 00:50:06,640

it's one of the top 10 killers in the

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00:50:12,180 --> 00:50:09,010

world and for those babies that survive

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00:50:14,730 --> 00:50:12,190

their poor parents put up you know would

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00:50:17,070 --> 00:50:14,740

have three months of hell at home with

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00:50:19,020 --> 00:50:17,080

oxygen missing any night if the baby has

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00:50:20,520 --> 00:50:19,030

an attack you know mrs. McAfee I think

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00:50:23,070 --> 00:50:20,530

you're so courageous to have done that

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00:50:24,900 --> 00:50:23,080

publicly and I mean it's nothing I can

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00:50:26,190 --> 00:50:24,910

do about it but I'm so sorry you had to

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00:50:27,390 --> 00:50:26,200

go through what you went through after

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00:50:31,800 --> 00:50:27,400

your daughter died and I just think you

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00:50:34,520 --> 00:50:31,810

you you're just terrific I think I guess

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00:50:37,200 --> 00:50:34,530

the main thing of all of it de-stresses

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00:50:40,440 --> 00:50:37,210

paris-nice exterminated information you

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00:50:41,940 --> 00:50:40,450

and all we'd like to say we had three

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00:50:44,040 --> 00:50:41,950

consecutive years ever of Health

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00:50:45,900 --> 00:50:44,050

Minister and Nicola Roxon last year say

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00:50:48,300 --> 00:50:45,910

they would put out a campaign in

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00:50:50,010 --> 00:50:48,310

December last year it still hasn't

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00:50:50,640 --> 00:50:50,020

happened you stuff ourselves are ready

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00:50:53,370 --> 00:50:50,650

to go

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00:50:55,290 --> 00:50:53,380

the feds told them to wait and I just

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00:50:57,450 --> 00:50:55,300

think it's just so sad that we have to

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00:50:59,640 --> 00:50:57,460

keep putting ourselves out there to

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00:51:00,930 --> 00:50:59,650

raise awareness of this issue and that

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00:51:03,240 --> 00:51:00,940

if everyone was a little bit more

1301
00:51:04,620 --> 00:51:03,250
proactive we might have to clarify this

1302
00:51:07,470 --> 00:51:04,630
is the camp right on whooping cough is

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00:51:09,840 --> 00:51:07,480
that right they agreed that all the

1304
00:51:12,020 --> 00:51:09,850
ministers got together at a national

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00:51:14,990 --> 00:51:12,030
conference twice last year

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00:51:16,310 --> 00:51:15,000
they launched a big review to education

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00:51:18,460 --> 00:51:16,320
and Prevention and now going to launch

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00:51:21,560 --> 00:51:18,470
the national immunization strategy

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00:51:23,000 --> 00:51:21,570
velocities so giving parents more

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00:51:26,860 --> 00:51:23,010
information and to fight the

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00:51:29,600 --> 00:51:26,870
misinformation it was ready to go and

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00:51:33,320 --> 00:51:29,610
the federal Department of Health amazing

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00:51:34,700 --> 00:51:33,330

I try every way Ron thank you for

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00:51:35,870 --> 00:51:34,710

joining us this morning and you said

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00:51:37,160 --> 00:51:35,880

putting yourself out there you have

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00:51:39,110 --> 00:51:37,170

again today and we thank you for that

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00:51:42,500 --> 00:51:39,120

okay I'd better go back and make those

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00:51:44,990 --> 00:51:42,510

very good school morning of course

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00:51:46,970 --> 00:51:45,000

that's Tony McCaffrey there she lost her

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00:51:49,070 --> 00:51:46,980

daughter of Dana last year and the

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00:51:50,450 --> 00:51:49,080

health care and complaints Commission's

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00:51:52,430 --> 00:51:50,460

actually issued a public warning about

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00:51:54,320 --> 00:51:52,440

this outfit this Australian vaccination

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00:51:56,240 --> 00:51:54,330

Network and the person who runs the

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00:51:57,770 --> 00:51:56,250

network someone called Meryl Dory says

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00:51:59,120 --> 00:51:57,780

it's laughable she's seeking legal

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00:52:01,070 --> 00:51:59,130

advice I don't think she sounds like

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00:52:02,630 --> 00:52:01,080

she's laughable yep that's right and the

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00:52:04,220 --> 00:52:02,640

fact they hadn't started this education

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00:52:05,630 --> 00:52:04,230

campaign which would mean that there'd

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00:52:07,250 --> 00:52:05,640

be information for parents who haven't

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00:52:09,710 --> 00:52:07,260

got it and then turn to websites and get

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00:52:11,510 --> 00:52:09,720

that that's scandalous as well so in

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00:52:13,520 --> 00:52:11,520

that interview you heard Tony McCaffrey

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00:52:15,470 --> 00:52:13,530

describing abusive correspondence that

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00:52:18,740 --> 00:52:15,480

her family had received from people

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00:52:21,020 --> 00:52:18,750

associated with the AVN in true meryl

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00:52:23,240 --> 00:52:21,030

dory style instead of keeping quiet and

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00:52:26,300 --> 00:52:23,250

retreating to the corner she has written

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00:52:29,450 --> 00:52:26,310

a blog post today entitled a grieving

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00:52:31,430 --> 00:52:29,460

family and baseless accusations Dorie

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00:52:33,710 --> 00:52:31,440

claims there is no evidence for the AVN

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00:52:35,690 --> 00:52:33,720

harassing the McCaffrey's and suggests

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00:52:38,230 --> 00:52:35,700

if they did indeed receive harassment it

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00:52:40,640 --> 00:52:38,240

might have come from the other side if

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00:52:42,560 --> 00:52:40,650

like me you think now would be a good

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00:52:44,300 --> 00:52:42,570

time to keep quiet and let the dust

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00:52:44,780 --> 00:52:44,310

settle then you wouldn't be Merrill

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00:52:47,600 --> 00:52:44,790

Dorie

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00:52:50,540 --> 00:52:47,610

here she is responding to an interview

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00:52:53,840 --> 00:52:50,550
with Tony McCaffrey on six one two Radio

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00:52:55,790 --> 00:52:53,850
ABC Brisbane because I have Merrill Dori

1353
00:52:58,400 --> 00:52:55,800
from the Australian vaccination Network

1354
00:53:00,710 --> 00:52:58,410
with me to Merrill good morning good

1355
00:53:03,350 --> 00:53:00,720
morning what do you think Donna died off

1356
00:53:05,030 --> 00:53:03,360
I really don't know what Xena died of

1357
00:53:07,100 --> 00:53:05,040
today and do you have any right to be

1358
00:53:09,500 --> 00:53:07,110
requesting her medical certificates from

1359
00:53:09,980 --> 00:53:09,510
a health department the for parents bury

1360
00:53:14,030 --> 00:53:09,990
her

1361
00:53:17,780 --> 00:53:14,040
unfortunately mrs. McCaffrey is

1362
00:53:20,570 --> 00:53:17,790
incorrect there's what I did was when

1363
00:53:22,760 --> 00:53:20,580

mrs. McCaffrey agreed to go public in

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00:53:24,450 --> 00:53:22,770

our local newspaper the Northern Star

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00:53:26,610 --> 00:53:24,460

there was an article basic

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00:53:29,280 --> 00:53:26,620

accusing people who had unvaccinated

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00:53:31,380 --> 00:53:29,290

children of killing Dana McCaffrey and

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00:53:33,660 --> 00:53:31,390

they said that Dana had been admitted to

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00:53:35,400 --> 00:53:33,670

hospital the previous week and was

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00:53:38,280 --> 00:53:35,410

diagnosed with whooping cough almost

1371

00:53:40,470 --> 00:53:38,290

immediately and was treated for that now

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00:53:43,380 --> 00:53:40,480

I knew at that point of time and know

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00:53:45,570 --> 00:53:43,390

now that the most effective test for

1374

00:53:48,120 --> 00:53:45,580

whooping cough is called a blood culture

1375

00:53:50,760 --> 00:53:48,130

and that takes ten to fourteen days to

1376
00:53:53,040 --> 00:53:50,770
get a result so my simple question was

1377
00:53:54,690 --> 00:53:53,050
while parents who have made an informed

1378
00:53:57,000 --> 00:53:54,700
decision not to vaccinate their children

1379
00:54:00,930 --> 00:53:57,010
were being accused of murdering a little

1380
00:54:02,880 --> 00:54:00,940
baby it was up to our organization as a

1381
00:54:05,040 --> 00:54:02,890
representative of these families to find

1382
00:54:07,680 --> 00:54:05,050
out how the test was done I did not

1383
00:54:09,690 --> 00:54:07,690
request medical records and I did not

1384
00:54:11,100 --> 00:54:09,700
contact the hospital is mrs. McCaffrey

1385
00:54:13,050 --> 00:54:11,110
displayed well the health care

1386
00:54:16,110 --> 00:54:13,060
Complaints Commission has brought down a

1387
00:54:18,570 --> 00:54:16,120
finding and it finds that your website

1388
00:54:20,910 --> 00:54:18,580

your group provides information that is

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00:54:22,950 --> 00:54:20,920

solely anti vaccination that's not

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00:54:24,690 --> 00:54:22,960

factual information then is it if it

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00:54:26,460 --> 00:54:24,700

only provides one sign healthcare

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00:54:28,410 --> 00:54:26,470

complaints condition first of all does

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00:54:30,600 --> 00:54:28,420

not have jurisdiction to investigate us

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00:54:32,700 --> 00:54:30,610

second of all we are an organization

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00:54:34,590 --> 00:54:32,710

that has been operating for 17 years are

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00:54:36,030 --> 00:54:34,600

you disputing their findings just please

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00:54:38,640 --> 00:54:36,040

do me the courtesy of letting me finish

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00:54:40,890 --> 00:54:38,650

the sentence the healthcare Complaints

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00:54:43,950 --> 00:54:40,900

Commission investigated one page of our

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00:54:46,530 --> 00:54:43,960

website I provided them with a 66 page

1401
00:54:48,990 --> 00:54:46,540
response which they completely ignored I

1402
00:54:51,000 --> 00:54:49,000
also provided them with information from

1403
00:54:52,200 --> 00:54:51,010
both the solicitor and a barrister to

1404
00:54:54,630 --> 00:54:52,210
say that they did not have jurisdiction

1405
00:54:57,240 --> 00:54:54,640
to investigate us the healthcare

1406
00:54:59,190 --> 00:54:57,250
Complaints Commission investigators said

1407
00:55:00,150 --> 00:54:59,200
to me that the health I needed to

1408
00:55:01,770 --> 00:55:00,160
understand that the healthcare

1409
00:55:04,650 --> 00:55:01,780
Complaints Commission was a government

1410
00:55:06,960 --> 00:55:04,660
department and as such they must support

1411
00:55:08,760 --> 00:55:06,970
government policy which is probe axis so

1412
00:55:11,910 --> 00:55:08,770
you're going to change your website the

1413
00:55:14,820 --> 00:55:11,920

Commission says that you should do that

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00:55:16,590 --> 00:55:14,830

it's recommended it says that your

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00:55:18,780 --> 00:55:16,600

information is both inaccurate and

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00:55:21,120 --> 00:55:18,790

misleading are you going to change it in

1417

00:55:23,550 --> 00:55:21,130

any way we showed first of all we have

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00:55:25,680 --> 00:55:23,560

two disclaimers on the website and we

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00:55:26,910 --> 00:55:25,690

have them free and we've shown that to

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00:55:28,800 --> 00:55:26,920

the Health Service but they've still

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00:55:30,990 --> 00:55:28,810

made this finding are you going to

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00:55:34,020 --> 00:55:31,000

change it in any way we are right now

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00:55:35,730 --> 00:55:34,030

seeking legal advice we do not feel that

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00:55:37,090 --> 00:55:35,740

any government department has the right

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00:55:39,070 --> 00:55:37,100

to censor no

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00:55:42,780 --> 00:55:39,080

a woman lost her child a families lost

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00:55:45,820 --> 00:55:42,790

their 4 week old baby to whooping cough

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00:55:48,400 --> 00:55:45,830

do you have anything to say to that mum

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00:55:50,560 --> 00:55:48,410

who's listening well I said at the very

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00:55:52,420 --> 00:55:50,570

beginning that it was a tragic loss and

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00:55:53,950 --> 00:55:52,430

the death of any child is tragic but the

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00:55:56,980 --> 00:55:53,960

check the death of a child from a

1433

00:55:59,290 --> 00:55:56,990

vaccine reaction is also tragic why

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00:56:01,300 --> 00:55:59,300

aren't these families getting the media

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00:56:03,400 --> 00:56:01,310

coverage and the sympathy that the

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00:56:05,260 --> 00:56:03,410

McCaffrey's are getting all children are

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00:56:07,330 --> 00:56:05,270

important all deaths are important I

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00:56:09,310 --> 00:56:07,340

have never contacted the McCaffrey's I

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00:56:10,990 --> 00:56:09,320

never will contact them all right Meryl

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00:56:13,420 --> 00:56:11,000

Dorie Thank You Meryl Dory's from the

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00:56:15,070 --> 00:56:13,430

Estonian vaccination Network Meryl goes

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00:56:16,780 --> 00:56:15,080

into more detail about the claims in

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00:56:20,320 --> 00:56:16,790

this interview in her blog post from

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00:56:22,990 --> 00:56:20,330

today you can find it at ABN or GU and

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00:56:24,970 --> 00:56:23,000

look for the blog link the McCaffrey's

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00:56:27,160 --> 00:56:24,980

have since responded to her claims that

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00:56:28,780 --> 00:56:27,170

she did not harass them in a post which

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00:56:31,650 --> 00:56:28,790

has been published on the Facebook page

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00:56:34,420 --> 00:56:31,660

stop the Australian vaccination Network

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00:56:36,370 --> 00:56:34,430

when Tony McCaffrey refers to Meryl

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00:56:38,800 --> 00:56:36,380

saying Dana supposedly died of whooping

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00:56:40,570 --> 00:56:38,810

cough well it seems Meryl doesn't think

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00:56:43,450 --> 00:56:40,580

whooping coughs really that bad anyway

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00:56:47,170 --> 00:56:43,460

as she says so on channel 7 Sunday night

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00:56:48,400 --> 00:56:47,180

program in 2009 my mother used to put me

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00:56:50,140 --> 00:56:48,410

with all the neighborhood kids when they

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00:56:51,910 --> 00:56:50,150

got these diseases so I'd get them and

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00:56:54,520 --> 00:56:51,920

get them over with and be immune and

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00:56:56,020 --> 00:56:54,530

there was no fear there was no worry

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00:56:58,390 --> 00:56:56,030

about it we just got them we were

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00:57:01,300 --> 00:56:58,400

supposed to get them and we did and we

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00:57:03,040 --> 00:57:01,310

were healthier for them now we have a

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00:57:04,540 --> 00:57:03,050

medical community that's saying if you

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00:57:05,860 --> 00:57:04,550

get measles if you get whooping cough

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00:57:07,960 --> 00:57:05,870

you're gonna die from it well where is

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00:57:09,520 --> 00:57:07,970

the information from that you didn't die

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00:57:12,430 --> 00:57:09,530

from it 30 years ago and you're not

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00:57:14,500 --> 00:57:12,440

gonna die from it today and finally

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00:57:16,300 --> 00:57:14,510

here's an excerpt from the Steve Canaan

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00:57:18,430 --> 00:57:16,310

Lateline interview which kicked off the

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00:57:21,010 --> 00:57:18,440

media coverage of the H Triple C report

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00:57:22,540 --> 00:57:21,020

where he catches Merrill Dory out for

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00:57:25,330 --> 00:57:22,550

saying something she didn't think she

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00:57:27,970 --> 00:57:25,340

said and until next time this has been

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00:57:29,470 --> 00:57:27,980

dr. Rachel reports okay there is a post

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00:57:31,450 --> 00:57:29,480

that you made in reference to the

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00:57:33,700 --> 00:57:31,460

skeptics which said isn't it incredible

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00:57:35,410 --> 00:57:33,710

how they have made Dana into a martyr

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00:57:38,170 --> 00:57:35,420

because she supposedly died from

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00:57:47,540 --> 00:57:38,180

whooping cough did I say that yeah I

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00:57:52,430 --> 00:57:50,430

but ignore all of the children and

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00:57:55,440 --> 00:57:52,440

adults who have died after vaccination

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00:57:58,980 --> 00:57:55,450

said that Ill did say that and I still

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00:58:01,080 --> 00:57:58,990

think that I could you imagine rating

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00:58:02,820 --> 00:58:01,090

that if your daughter had died of who'd

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00:58:05,400 --> 00:58:02,830

be helpful how would that make you feel

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00:58:10,320 --> 00:58:05,410

can you imagine reading they stopped the

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00:58:11,880 --> 00:58:10,330

AVN site for the same that's fine that's

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00:58:13,860 --> 00:58:11,890

fine and you imagine reading those

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00:58:15,900 --> 00:58:13,870

comments I can imagine and it would

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00:58:20,320 --> 00:58:15,910

probably be hurtful and I would be sorry

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00:58:39,510 --> 00:58:20,330

if she felt hurt from what I had said

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00:58:44,920 --> 00:58:42,220

thank you for listening to the skeptics

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00:58:46,269 --> 00:58:44,930

are now next week now let me see I've

1495

00:58:49,000 --> 00:58:46,279

got quite a selection of interviews to

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00:58:51,670 --> 00:58:49,010

bring to you I might very well bring you

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00:58:55,059 --> 00:58:51,680

the interview I did with maybe Phil

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00:58:57,880 --> 00:58:55,069

Plait the bad astronomer maybe we'll see

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00:59:00,430 --> 00:58:57,890

we'll see it's a good interview actually

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00:59:03,190 --> 00:59:00,440

it's a rate you like interviewing Phil

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00:59:07,120 --> 00:59:03,200

Plait hmm I think that might be well

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00:59:09,099 --> 00:59:07,130

worth it until then thank you once again

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00:59:12,010 --> 00:59:09,109

this is Richard Saunders signing off

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00:59:14,769 --> 00:59:12,020

that [\h__\h] martini was nice can I have

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00:59:16,630 --> 00:59:14,779

another one yeah this is Richard

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00:59:21,849 --> 00:59:16,640

Saunders signing off from Sydney

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00:59:24,930 --> 00:59:21,859

Australia you've been listening to the

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00:59:31,160 --> 00:59:24,940

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